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In threat to Pelosi, 16 Dems say they'll back new leadership

By ALAN FRAM

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sixteen Democrats who've opposed Nancy Pelosi's quest to become speaker released a letter Monday saying they will vote for "new leadership" when the House picks its leaders in January, underscoring a significant threat to her effort to lead her party's House majority in the next Congress. The letter's release suggests that rather

than spending the next six weeks focusing on a fresh agenda to present to Americans, House Democrats could be consumed with a bitter and attention-grabbing internal leadership fight. The battle pits the party's largely liberal and diverse membership backing Pelosi, D-Calif., against a small group of mostly moderate male lawmakers.

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House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of Calif., speaks during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018.

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Of the 16 Democrats who signed the letter — which stops short of explicitly saying they will vote for an opposing candidate for speaker — all but two are men: Reps. Kathleen Rice of New York and California's Linda Sanchez.

"We promised to change the status quo, and we intend to deliver on that promise," the authors wrote, referring to campaign pledges by a number of Democratic candidates. "Therefore, we are committed to voting for new leadership in both our Caucus meeting and on

the House Floor."

Pelosi has activated an aggressive campaign for the job involving House colleagues, prominent outside Democrats and party-aligned interest groups. Her office distributed endorsements Monday from nine House Democrats who are military veterans and UnidosUS, a Hispanic civil rights organization.

Known as a precise vote counter with a keen sense of her caucus' leanings, Pelosi is aided by the lack of a declared opponent and many weeks during which she can dangle choice committee assignments, rules changes and other



Assistant Minority Leader Rep. James Clyburn, D-S.C., center, is followed by outgoing Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee Chairman Ben Ray Lujan, D-N.M., as they exit a Democratic Caucus meeting in the basement of the Capitol where new members of the House and veteran representatives gathered behind closed doors to discuss their agenda when they become the majority in the 116th Congress, in Washington, Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018.

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goodies to help attract support."Leader Pelosi remains confident in her support among Members and Members-elect," spokesman Drew Hammill said in a written statement. He said 94 percent of House Democrats declined to sign the letter, though Pelosi opponents said they expect others who didn't sign to vote against her.

Though the mavericks' numbers represent a handful of the 232 House Democrats elected, plus five races still undecided, they could still garner enough opposition to thwart her. Pelosi seems certain to have enough support to become her party's nominee for speaker when House Democrats vote by secret ballot on Nov. 28. She will need only a majority of Democrats in that contest.

But when the full House elects its new leaders Jan. 3, the speaker will need a majority 218 votes, assuming that no one votes "pres-

ent" or misses the vote and Republicans oppose her en masse, as seems likely. At 232 seats, Pelosi could afford to lose just 14 Democrats and still become speaker.

The rebels' letter to their Democratic colleagues praises Pelosi, 78, as "a historic figure" who helped win major victories. Pelosi was speaker from 2007 through 2010 when Democrats held the majority and has been the party's leader since 2003.

"We also recognize that in this recent election, Democrats ran and won on a message of change," they wrote. "Our majority came on the backs of candidates who said that they would support new leadership because voters in hard-won districts, and across the country, want to see real change in Washington."

Pelosi's critics say the party's long-serving top leaders must make room for younger members. They say years of Republican

ads portraying her as an out-of-touch liberal have made it hard for moderate Democrats to win in swing districts.

Pelosi allies counter that the party just won House control with their biggest gain of seats since the 1974 post-Watergate election. Many bristle at dumping her at a time when President Donald Trump and the #MeToo movement have helped attract female candidates and voters to the party.

Rep. Steny Hoyer of Maryland has been No. 2 House Democrat since 2003 and South Carolina's Jim Clyburn has been No. 3 since 2007. Both are in their late 70s and are running, unopposed so far, for those posts again.

Of the letter's signees, five are incoming House freshmen or hope to be. Two of them — Anthony Brindisi of New York and Ben McAdams of Utah — are in races in which The Associated Press has yet to call a winner. □

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BALTIMORE (AP) — Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced Sunday he's donating \$1.8 billion to his alma mater, Johns Hopkins University, to boost financial aid for low- and middle-income students.

The Baltimore university said the contribution — the largest ever to any education institution in the U.S. — will allow Johns Hopkins to eliminate student loans in financial aid packages starting next fall. The university will instead offer scholarships that don't have to be repaid. University President

Ronald Daniels said Bloomberg's contribution will also let the institution permanently commit to "need-blind admissions," or the principle of admitting the highest-achieving students, regardless of their ability to pay for their education.

"Hopkins has received a gift that is unprecedented and transformative," he said in a statement, noting the prestigious school was founded in 1876 by a \$7 million gift from Baltimore merchant Johns Hopkins that was, similarly, the largest gift of its kind at the time.

By way of comparison,

the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation launched the Gates Millennium Scholars program in 1999 with a \$1 billion commitment over 20 years. The Chronicle of Higher Education listed it as the largest private donation to a higher-education institution in the U.S. earlier this month.

Bloomberg said he expects the money will allow Hopkins to offer more generous scholarships and ease the debt burden for graduates. "Denying students entry to a college based on their ability to pay undermines equal opportunity." □



In this Thursday, April 19, 2018, file photo, former New York City Mayor and United Nations Special Envoy for Climate Action Michael Bloomberg speaks at World Bank/IMF Spring Meetings, in Washington.

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Trump sets off storm by criticizing retired Navy admiral

By ROBERT BURNS

AP National Security Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump has ignited a firestorm of criticism and charges that he is politicizing the military by faulting a war hero for not capturing al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden sooner.

Trump took shots at retired Adm. William McRaven in a Fox News interview Sunday in which he also asserted that the former Navy SEAL and former commander of U.S. Special Operations Command was a "backer" of Trump's 2016 rival, Hillary Clinton, and supporter of President Barack Obama. "Disgusting," the George W. Bush administration's White House counterterrorism adviser, Fran Townsend, wrote Monday on Twitter.

Leon Panetta, who was CIA director during the bin Laden raid and later served as secretary of defense, said Trump owed an apology to McRaven and to all of those in the military and intelligence agencies who played a role in tracking



In this Aug. 21, 2014, file photo, Navy Adm. William McRaven addresses the Texas Board of Regents in Austin, Texas.

down bin Laden and carrying out the risky raid into Pakistan. He called Trump's remark "patently ridiculous."

"It demonstrates a profound lack of understanding of how our military and intelligence agencies operate and undermines the president's own standing as commander-in-chief," Panetta said in a state-

ment.

The controversy follows a pattern of concerns raised by former senior military officers about Trump's grasp of the military's role, including those who assert that his decision to send thousands of active-duty troops to the U.S.-Mexico border shortly before the Nov. 6 midterm elections was a political stunt.

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Trump also drew criticism for his decision not to visit Arlington National Cemetery on Veterans Day last week, following his trip to Europe. He said later he "should have" visited the cemetery but was too busy with official business. McRaven told CNN he is a fan both of George W. Bush and Barack Obama, having served under them.

"I admire all presidents, regardless of their political party, who uphold the dignity of the office and who use that office to bring the nation together in challenging times," he said pointedly.

McRaven previously had drawn widespread attention for lambasting Trump for repeatedly calling the news media the "enemy of the people."

McRaven had said the president's words were "the greatest threat to democracy" in his lifetime. When this was raised in the Fox News interview, Trump lashed out at McRaven, who organized and executed the bin Laden raid in Pakistan in May 2011 as head of the secretive Joint Special Operation Command.

"Wouldn't it have been nice if we got Osama bin Laden a lot sooner than that, wouldn't it have been nice?" Trump said.

Asked whether military leaders were not due credit for having killed the al-Qaida leader, Trump said, "They took him down but look, look, there's news right there, he lived in Pakistan, we're supporting Pakistan, we're giving them \$1.3 billion a year, which we don't give them anymore, by the way, I ended it because they don't do anything for us, they don't do a damn thing for us." □

Man who strangled wife, killed his 2 girls sentenced to life

By KATHLEEN FOODY
Associated Press

GREELEY, Colo. (AP) — A man who strangled his pregnant wife and suffocated their two young daughters wanted to escape his marriage and growing family, prosecutors said Monday as a judge imposed a sentence of life without parole as part of a plea deal that kept the killer from facing the death penalty.

Christopher Watts, who pleaded guilty two weeks ago, did not speak during the hearing. One of his attorneys said Watts was "sincerely sorry."

As Watts listened with his head down, Shanann Watts' parents detailed their ongoing struggle to understand how he could murder the three people who considered him a hero — Shanann, 34, Bella, 4, and Celeste, 3. Frank Rzucek said he was disgusted by the way his son-in-law took his wife and two daughters "out like the trash."

"Prison is too good for you," Rzucek said. "This is hard to say, but may God have mercy on your soul."

Watts, 33, was formally sentenced to consecutive life sentences for the murders. He also received a 48-year sentence for unlawful termination of a pregnancy and 12 years each for tampering with a human body. The girls' bodies were found submerged in an oil tank on property owned by the company Watts worked for. His wife's body was found in a shallow grave nearby.

As a prosecutor detailed the injuries found on the bodies, Rzucek leaned forward, gasping. Michael Rourke said Shanann Watts was strangled, but her lack of significant injuries suggested that her death came slowly.

The girls were smothered,

and Rourke said there were signs Bella "fought for her life." Celeste had no visible injuries, he said.

Christopher Watts' parents, Cindy and Ronnie Watts, were permitted to speak as the girls' grandparents. Each said they still loved their son and urged him to seek God's forgiveness. "We love you," Cindy Watts said into a microphone before turning to look directly at her son. "And we forgive you, son."

Watts wiped away a tear with his shirt after his parents left the podium. He kept his head down for much of the hearing, speaking only once to confirm that he did not want to make a statement before Judge Marcelo Kopcow imposed his sentence.

Friends of Shanann Watts and neighbors in the subdivision where the family lived lined up inside the courthouse Monday morning. More people filed into an overflow room to watch a video stream.

The killings captured national media attention and became the focus of true crime blogs and online video channels, which showed dozens of family photos and videos that Shanann Watts shared on social media showing the smiling family.

Prosecutors said the images belied a hidden truth, that Christopher Watts was having an affair and making plans for a new life. Rourke said Watts talked with a real estate agent about selling the family's home, looked up secluded vacation spots and didn't seem interested in the self-help books his wife provided.

A friend asked police to check on Shanann Watts on Aug. 13 after not being able to reach her and growing concerned that the expectant mother had

missed a doctor's appointment. Local police initially handled the search but soon sought support from state investigators and the FBI.

Christopher Watts spoke to local television reporters from the front porch of the family's home in Frederick, a small town on the plains north of Denver where drilling rigs and oil wells surround booming subdivisions.

He pleaded for his family's safe return, telling reporters their house felt empty without Bella and Celeste watching cartoons or running to greet him at the door.

Within days he was in custody, charged with killing his family. □



Christopher Watts sits in court for his sentencing hearing at the Weld County Courthouse on Monday, Nov. 19, 2018, in Greeley, Colo.

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Frantic search goes on for missing after California wildfire

By SUDHIN THANAWALA
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Associated Press

CHICO, Calif. (AP) — Desperate families posted photos and messages on social media and at shelters in hopes of finding missing loved ones, many of them elderly, nearly two weeks after the deadliest, most destructive wildfire in California history. The death toll stood at 77 Monday, with about 1,000 people unaccounted for.

"I have an uncle and two cousins that I have not been able to make contact with. Paul Williams, in his 90's, his son Paul Wayne Williams, in his 70's, and his daughter Gayle Williams in her 60's," one woman wrote on Facebook. "Any info would be appreciated."

Hundreds of searchers continued looking for human remains in the ashes in Paradise and outlying areas ravaged by the blaze Nov. 8, with the body count increasing daily.

Rain in Wednesday's forecast added urgency to the task: While it could help knock down the flames, it could hinder the search by washing away fragmentary remains and turning ash into a thick paste.

The sheriff's list of those unaccounted for dropped dramatically Sunday from nearly 1,300 to 1,000 as authorities continued to locate people. Social media pages gave updates on who was dead and who was safe.

Butte County Sheriff Kory Honea has said he released the rough and incomplete list in hopes that



In this Nov. 15, 2018, photo, Troy Miller wipes his eyes as he walks beside a burned out car on his property in Concow, Calif.

Associated Press

many people would contact authorities to say they are OK. More than a dozen people are listed as "unknowns," without first or last names. Some names are duplicated.

"We put the list out. It will fluctuate. It will go up. It will go down because this is in a state of flux," Honea said Monday. "My view on this has been that I would prefer to get the information out and start working to find who is unaccounted for and who is not. I would put progress over perfection."

He said his office was working with the Red Cross to

account for people entering and leaving shelters. Evacuees also helped authorities narrow the list.

Robert James Miles, who lost his Paradise trailer in the blaze, was staying at a shelter in Chico, where people posted names of those they hadn't heard from. Miles said he alerted a Red Cross worker Saturday that he recognized eight names on the board as friends and knew they were OK.

"Two of them were in the shelter," he said with a chuckle.

Ellen Lewis, whose home in Paradise was destroyed, went to a Federal Emer-

gency Management Agency center for help, and a FEMA representative showed her the list of the missing. She recognized the names of two people from her archery club.

"I'm going to have to contact other people to see if they're OK," she said. She said she would call the sheriff's office if she confirmed they were safe.

The fire, which burned at least 234 square miles (606 square kilometers) and destroyed nearly 12,000 homes, reported was two-thirds contained on Monday.

Meanwhile, Alcatraz Is-

land, San Francisco's cable cars, the Oakland Zoo and other San Francisco Bay-area attractions were closed Monday because of smoke from the blaze some 180 miles (290 kilometers) away. Several San Francisco museums over the weekend offered free admission to give people something to do indoors.

California Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones said it is "way too early" to estimate the damage done by the wildfire. But for perspective, he said the fires that gutted 6,800 homes last year resulted in \$12.6 billion in insured losses. □



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3 killed when air ambulance crashes in North Dakota

By BLAKE NICHOLSON
Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — An air ambulance on its way to pick up a patient crashed shortly after taking off in North Dakota, killing all three people on board, and military officials involved in the response said the plane may have broken up in midair.

The twin-engine Bismarck Air Medical airplane took off about 10:30 p.m. Sunday and crashed shortly after in a field about 20 miles (32 kilometers) northwest of Bismarck. Air traffic control officials lost contact with the plane about 11 p.m., county spokeswoman Maxine Herr said.

CHI St. Alexius Health and Bismarck Air Medical said in a joint statement that the pilot, a paramedic and a registered nurse had been heading to Williston to pick up a patient. The state-

ment did not provide their names.

"It is a sad day here for both of our organizations," Kurt Schley, president of CHI St. Alexius Health Bismarck, and Dan Schaefer, operations chief for Bismarck Air Medical and Metro Area Ambulance Operations, said. "We are grieving for the family members of those who were on board." The Morton County Sheriff's Office, Civil Air Patrol and Air Force Rescue Coordination Center based at Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida located the crash scene around early Monday using radar and cellphone technology, Herr said.

An analysis by the Air Force team indicated the plane might have broken up at about 14,000 feet (4,300 meters), and "that corresponded with what they found on the ground," said Civil Air Patrol Lt. Col. Sean

Johnson. He said he didn't want to speculate on the cause. The National Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Aviation Administration were investigating. FAA records show that the Cessna 441 turboprop was built in 1982. Bismarck Air Medical is listed as the registered owner.

National Weather Service meteorologist Jeff Schild said there was light snow in the area at the time but no hazardous weather. Johnson said there was the potential for fog or haze. □



This Monday, Nov. 19, 2018, photo provided by the Morton County Sheriff's Office shows the wreckage of a twin-engine Bismarck Air Medical airplane that crashed late Sunday, Nov. 18 about 20 miles northwest of Bismarck, N.D., killing all three on board.

Associated Press

Lawsuit filed against operators of limo in fatal NY crash

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The operators of a limousine that crashed and killed 20 people in upstate New York were grossly negligent in putting the "dangerous and defective" vehicle on the road, according to a lawsuit filed Monday by one of the victim's parents. Amanda Rivenburg, 29, was among 18 people in the limousine that barreled through a stop sign at the bottom of a hill and crashed into a ravine in rural Schoharie, New York on Oct. 6. Two pedestrians

also were killed. The lawsuit, among the first filed since the tragedy, seeks unspecified damages in state court from Prestige limousine service owner Shahed Hussain and his son Nauman Hussain. Nauman Hussain has pleaded not guilty to a charge of criminally negligent homicide. State police have said Shahed Hussain is in Pakistan.

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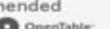
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UK leader has eye on rebellion as EU braces for Brexit push

By JILL LAWLESS

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Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The U.K. and the European Union plowed ahead Monday with plans to have their divorce deal signed, sealed and delivered within days as British Prime Minister Theresa May waited to see whether rebel lawmakers opposed to the agreement had the numbers to challenge her leadership.

The draft agreement reached last week triggered an avalanche of criticism in Britain and left May fighting to keep her job even as British and EU negotiators raced to firm up a final deal before a weekend summit where EU leaders hope to rubber-stamp it.

The 585-page, legally binding withdrawal agreement is as good as complete, but Britain and the EU still need to flesh out a far less detailed seven-page declaration on their future relations.

May said "an intense week of negotiations" lay ahead to finalize the framework.



Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May delivers a speech at the CBI annual conference in London, Monday, Nov. 19, 2018.

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The deal has infuriated pro-Brexit lawmakers in May's Conservative Party. The Brexiteers want a clean break with the bloc and argue that the close trade ties called for in the agreement May's government agreed would leave Britain a vassal state, bound to EU rules it has no say in making.

Two Cabinet ministers, including Brexit Secretary Dominic Raab, resigned in protest, and rebels are trying to gather the signatures of 48 lawmakers needed to trigger a no-confidence vote.

One pro-Brexit Conservative lawmaker, Simon Clarke, urged wavering colleagues Monday to join the rebellion, saying "it is quite clear to me that the captain is driving the ship at the rocks."

Even if May sees off such a challenge, she still has to get the deal approved by Parliament. Her Conservatives don't have a parliamentary majority, and whether she can persuade enough lawmakers to back the agreement is uncertain.

It is also unclear what would happen if Parliament rejected the deal when it is put to a vote, likely next month.

May's government relies for survival on the votes of Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist Party, which struck a deal last year to back the Conservatives on major legislation, including finance bills. But the DUP opposes the Brexit deal's plans for keeping the border between the U.K.'s Northern Ireland and EU member Ireland open after Britain leaves the bloc.

In a warning to May, DUP lawmakers abstained Mon-

solved, but Spain insisted at the Brussels meeting that it needed more clarity on how Gibraltar, the British territory at the southern tip of the Iberian peninsula, would be dealt with.

EU chief negotiator Michel Barnier said the EU foreign ministers "have agreed to the principle" of a one-off extension of the post-Brexit transition period if the two sides need more time to finalize a trade deal.

Under the divorce agreement, Britain would be bound by EU rules during the transition. It is due to end in December 2020 but can be extended by mutual agreement if more time is needed.

Barnier wouldn't give a specific end-date for the extension. It's a delicate issue for May, because some in her party worry the extension could be used to trap Britain in the EU's rules indefinitely.

May says any extension must be finished before the next U.K. election, scheduled for the first half of 2022. May tried to build public and business support for the deal on Monday, telling business lobby group the Confederation of British Industry that it "fulfills the wishes of the British people" to leave the EU, by taking back control of the U.K.'s laws, money and borders.

May confirmed the government's plan to end the automatic right of EU citizens to live and work in the U.K., saying Britain's future immigration policy will be based on skills, rather than nationality. She said EU nationals would no longer be able to "jump the queue ahead of engineers from Sydney or software developers from Delhi" — a phrase that risked further upsetting EU citizens in Britain, who have faced more than two years of uncertainty about their future status.

British businesses, longing for an end to uncertainty about what rules they will face after Brexit, have broadly welcomed the agreement. But some are unhappy with the immigration plans, which have yet to be revealed in detail. □



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Yemeni rebels say they will halt rocket fire at Saudi Arabia

By AHMED AL-HAJ

BRIAN ROHAN

Associated Press

SANA'A, Yemen (AP) — Yemen's Shiite rebels said Monday that they will halt rocket fire into Saudi Arabia for the sake of peace efforts, answering a key Saudi demand in the latest push to stop the civil war in the Arab world's poorest country. But the rebels also said they had fired a ballistic missile into Saudi Arabia overnight in response to an attempted border incursion and a Saudi airstrike, and that they reserved the right to respond to attacks. For the past three years, a U.S.-backed, Saudi-led coalition has been waging war against the Iran-aligned rebels, known as Houthis, to restore Yemen's internationally recognized government. The rebels say they have long been excluded from that government and aim to rectify historic grievances.

Rebel leader Mohammed Ali al-Houthi announced in a statement that the rebels had ordered the cessation of rocket and drone attacks on the Saudis and forces loyal to the United Arab Emirates, a leading coalition member, at the request of U.N. envoy Martin Griffiths. "We are ready to freeze and stop military



In this Dec. 4, 2017, file photo, Houthi Shiite fighters chant slogans as they guard a street leading to the residence of former Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, in Sanaa, Yemen.

Associated Press

operations on all fronts in order to achieve peace," al-Houthi said. He mentioned the rockets specifically as part of a longer statement in which he blamed the United States for being the main driver behind "the aggression" against Yemen. The Houthis swept down from northern Yemen in 2014 and captured the capital, Sanaa, with the help of forces loyal to long-time strongman Ali Abdullah Saleh, who had been forced from power by an Arab Spring-inspired popu-

lar uprising. Saleh was killed in internal fighting between the Houthis and their allies last year. The government fled Sanaa in early 2015, and Saudi Arabia, citing fears that its nemesis Iran was trying to make inroads on the Arabian Peninsula, began launching airstrikes against the rebels in March of that year. Riyadh formed a coalition of Sunni Arab states, including the UAE, Kuwait, Egypt and Sudan, and launched ground assaults on several fronts but failed to take the capital.

After major setbacks, including the death of some elite officers, it outsourced the ground fighting to local troops, including a group trained by the UAE in the south. Tens of thousands of people are believed to have been killed in the war, and two-thirds of Yemen's 27 million people rely on aid. More than 8 million are at risk of starvation in what has become the world's worst humanitarian disaster. The latest Saudi-led offensive, which began in the

summer, has been focused on capturing the key rebel-held port city of Hodeida, through which almost all of Yemen's food and desperately needed humanitarian aid flows.

A U.N. draft resolution circulated by Britain on Monday urges the warring parties to relaunch peace talks and take urgent steps to address the humanitarian crisis. It also calls for an immediate cease-fire around Hodeida.

Griffiths, the U.N. envoy, announced on Friday that both sides had agreed to attend talks in Sweden "soon" aimed at ending the conflict. The internationally backed government said Monday that it would attend, but also insisted the Houthis do so "unconditionally."

Saudi Arabia's King Salman, in an annual policy speech Monday, called Yemen a "priority" and said he supports a U.N.-sponsored political solution to end the war. But he also railed against the Houthis, saying Saudi Arabia was supporting the Yemeni people against the "aggression of Iranian-backed militias." The coalition has long demanded the rebels withdraw from all major cities they have taken, which the Houthis refuse to do. □

Russian brings new charges against Kremlin critic Browder

By NATALIYA VASILYeva

Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian prosecutors on Monday announced a new criminal case against Kremlin critic Bill Browder, raising the pressure on him before European Union discussions about a set of sanctions he is advocating.

They also revealed a "theory" that he could be behind the death of his employee, Sergei Magnitsky, in a Russian prison.

Magnitsky, a lawyer who alleged he had uncovered \$230 million in tax fraud by Russian officials, died in 2009 following a year in pre-trial detention. A Russian presidential commission concluded that he had been beaten and denied medical care. Two prison doctors were charged with negligence leading to his death, but one was acquitted by a court in 2013 and the other didn't face justice because of a statute of limitations. U.S.-born Browder, who owned a major investment fund in Russia, has mounted a campaign to bring Magnitsky's killers to justice. He pushed through legislation, named after



From left, an aide to the Russian Prosecutor General Mikhail Alexandrov, Russian Prosecutor General spokesman Alexander Kurennoi, and an aide to the Russian Prosecutor General Nikolai Atmoniev attend a news conference in Moscow, Russia, Monday, Nov. 19, 2018.

Associated Press

Magnitsky, in the United States imposing travel and financial sanctions on top Russian officials, including prosecutors. Several other countries have since adopted the Magnitsky Act. Russian prosecutors on Monday announced new charges against Browder, accusing him of forming a

criminal group to embezzle funds in Russia. They also said they suspect Magnitsky's death in prison was a poisoning and said they have a "theory" that Browder was behind it. Mikhail Alexandrov of the Prosecutor General's Office told reporters that they opened a criminal case

into the poisoning with a military-grade substance of three people they called Browder's associates and said that it is "highly likely" that Magnitsky, who they said displayed similar symptoms, was poisoned as well. The prosecutors said that they decided to pursue the new charges against

Browder after reviewing evidence submitted by Natalia Veselnitskaya, a Russian lawyer who met Donald Trump Jr. during the 2016 presidential campaign and who lobbied for the repeal of the Magnitsky Act.

Emails later released by Trump Jr. show that she had been described as a "Russian government attorney." President Donald Trump acknowledged in August that the meeting at the Trump Tower was supposed to "get information" on Hillary Clinton.

The new charges against Browder follow his 2013 conviction in absentia by a Moscow court on tax evasion charges that he dismissed as a sham.

The announcement comes as the Netherlands is preparing to host diplomats from all EU member states to discuss a pan-EU Magnitsky Act.

Browder told The Associated Press on Monday that he has no relation to the three men named by the prosecutors and described the accusations of poisoning as an attempt to discredit his campaign for justice for Magnitsky. □

6 Romanian ministers fired as party leader seeks more power

By ALISON MUTLER

Associated Press

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP)

— Romania's ruling Social Democratic Party fired six ministers on Monday as the beleaguered party chairman sought to tighten his grip on the government.

Social Democrat chairman Liviu Dragnea has come under fire for his management style and corruption convictions, but has vowed to continue as party leader even though he can't be prime minister because of a conviction in 2016 for vote-rigging.

During a meeting, the party voted to fire the transport, economy, labor, culture, development, sports and communication ministers. Dragnea ally Lia Olguta Vasilescu switched from the labor to



In this April 27, 2018 file photo, the leader of Romania's ruling Social Democratic party, Liviu Dragnea, grimaces as he walks out of the anti-corruption prosecutors' office, in Bucharest, Romania.

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the transport ministry, while the others lost their ministerial posts.

The defense minister resigned earlier Monday.

Premier Viorica Dancila said the changes were necessary because "we have to respond to new challenges ... both in the government and also as we (prepare) to take over the European Union presidency on Jan. 1."

Dancila, who has little executive power, thanked the previous ministers and explained why the party's new ministerial proposals were suitable.

Dragnea who effectively runs the government said Monday's decisions were "political and managerial."

He was handed a 3½-year sentence in June for abuse of power in office, which he has appealed. □



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Sri Lankan lawmakers propose cutting expenses of disputed PM

By BHARATHA MALLAWARACHI

Associated Press

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) —

Sri Lankan lawmakers submitted a motion Monday to suspend the expenses of disputed Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, who has lost two no-confidence motions in Parliament amid an ongoing political crisis. A lawmaker from the Marxist Peoples' Liberation Front, which is opposed to Rajapaksa, said last week's passing of the no-confidence motions meant that Rajapaksa's office and the government had ceased to exist and therefore have no power to spend public money.

The lawmaker, Anura Disanayaka, said Parliament has power over public finances and it was on that basis that Monday's motion was submitted. The vote is to take place Nov. 29.

Sri Lanka has been in crisis since Oct. 26, when President Maithripala Sirisena



Supporters of Sri Lanka's United National Party (UNP) hold placards during a protest against President Maithripala Sirisena as they gather in front of the fort railway station in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Monday, Nov. 19, 2018.

abruptly fired Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe and appointed Rajapaksa, a former president. Wickremesinghe has said he still has the support of a major-

ity in Parliament.

M.A. Sumanthiran, another lawmaker opposed to Rajapaksa, said Monday's motion was presented by a group of 122 lawmakers.

and refuses to bow to a no-vote."

The motion was presented a day after a meeting among political party leaders failed to reach a breakthrough to resolve the crisis. Both Rajapaksa and Sirisena have refused to accept the results of the no-confidence motions, saying proper procedures were not followed.

Rajapaksa has said the vote should not have been done by voice. He also insisted the speaker had no authority to remove him and said he is continuing in his role as prime minister. Lawmakers opposed to Rajapaksa have said his government is illegal.

Parliament turned violent when the no-confidence motions were taken up last week, with rival lawmakers exchanging blows. On Friday, lawmakers supporting Rajapaksa threw books, chairs and chili powder mixed with water to try to block the proceedings. □

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He said it is a "token of the powers the Parliament can exercise when the group claiming to be the government does not have the majority in Parliament

Communities flee eruption at Guatemala's Volcano of Fire



The Volcan de Fuego, or Volcano of Fire, spews hot molten lava and ash from its crater in Escuintla, Guatemala, early Monday, Nov. 19, 2018.

Associated Press

By SONIA PEREZ D.

Associated Press

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) —

About 4,000 residents fled Guatemala's Volcano of Fire Monday as red-hot rock and ash spewed into the sky and cascaded down the slopes toward an area devastated by a deadly eruption earlier this year.

Guatemala's volcanology unit said that explosions from the 12,300-foot (3,763-meter) high moun-

tain shook homes with "constant sounds similar to a train locomotive."

Incandescent material burst as high as 1,000 meters (3,200 feet) above the crater and flows of hot rock and ash extended nearly 2 miles (3 kilometers) down one flank of the volcano. Hot blasts of pyroclastic material pushed down canyons on the slopes, while a column of ash rose nearly 23,000 feet (7,000 meters) above sea level

and drifted toward Guatemala City to the east.

Hundreds of families heeded the call of disaster coordination authorities to evacuate 10 communities, piling into yellow school buses for trips to shelters. The national disaster commission said 3,925 people had been evacuated by early Monday.

It spewed more ash and hot rock in October, prompting warnings for the nearby communities. □



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US closes busiest Mexico border crossing for several hours

By YESICA FISCH
JULIE WATSON

Associated Press

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) —

The United States closed off northbound traffic for several hours at the busiest border crossing with Mexico to install new security barriers on Monday, a day after hundreds of Tijuana residents protested against the presence of thousands of Central American migrants.

The U.S. also closed one of two pedestrian crossings at the San Ysidro crossing in a move apparently aimed at preventing any mass rush of migrants across the border.

The installation of movable, wire-topped barriers threatens to complicate life for Mexicans using San Ysidro, where about 110,000 people enter the U.S. every day in 40,000 vehicles.

Long lines backed up in Tijuana, where many people have to cross the border to work on the U.S. side.

Such inconveniences prompted by the arrival of the migrant caravan may have played a role in Sunday's protests, when about 400 Tijuana residents waved Mexican flags, sang the Mexican national anthem and chanted "Out! Out!" referring to the migrant caravan that arrived in the border city last week.

Tensions have built as nearly 3,000 migrants from the caravan poured into Tijuana in recent days after more than a month on the road — and with many more months likely ahead of them while they seek



The border fence that divides Mexico with the United States is seen in Tecate, Mexico, Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018.

Associated Press

asylum in the U.S. The federal government estimates the number of migrants could soon swell to 10,000. U.S. border inspectors are processing only about 100 asylum claims a day at Tijuana's main crossing to San Diego. Asylum seekers register their names in a tattered notebook managed by migrants themselves that had more than 3,000 names even before the caravan arrived.

Some Tijuana residents supported the migrants, but others accused them of being messy, ungrateful and a danger to the city. They also complained about how the caravan forced its way into Mexico, calling it an "invasion." And they voiced worries that their taxes might be spent

to care for the group. "We don't want them in Tijuana," protesters shouted. Juana Rodriguez, a housewife, said the government needs to conduct background checks on the migrants to make sure they don't have criminal records.

A block away, fewer than a dozen Tijuana residents stood with signs of support for the migrants. Keyla Zamarron, a 38-year-old teacher, said the protesters don't represent her way of thinking as she held a sign saying: "Childhood has no borders."

The protests came amid what may be a hardening of positions in some northern Mexican states against the migrants. The civil defense department

of Jalisco state, where migrants pass on their way to Tijuana, said it would no longer provide shelters for migrants, citing problems with fights among migrants at a shelter last week.

Instead, the state will provide water, some food and escorts at nine points along the main highway leading through the state to help ensure the migrants don't have to stop.

And in Mexico City, authorities closed a shelter at a sports complex that had once housed thousands of migrants. The remaining 650 migrants from the third, mainly Salvadoran, caravan were taken to a Roman Catholic pilgrimage hostel at the Basilica of Guadalupe. The city said the hostel would be warmer.

Most of the migrants who have reached Tijuana via caravan in recent days set out more than a month ago from Honduras, a country of 9 million people. Dozens of migrants in the caravan who have been interviewed by Associated Press reporters have said they left their country after death threats.

But the journey has been hard, and many have turned around.

Alden Rivera, the Honduran ambassador in Mexico, told the AP on Saturday that 1,800 Hondurans have returned to their country since the caravan first set out on Oct. 13, and that he hopes more will make that decision. "We want them to return to Honduras," said Rivera.

The migrants' expected long stay in Tijuana has raised concerns about the ability of the border city of more than 1.6 million people to handle the influx.

Tijuana Mayor Juan Manuel Gastelum has called the migrants' arrival an "avalanche" that the city is ill-prepared to handle, calculating that they will be in Tijuana for at least six months as they wait to file asylum claims. Gastelum has appealed to the federal government for more assistance to cope with the influx.

Tijuana officials converted a municipal gymnasium and recreational complex into a shelter to keep migrants out of public spaces. The city's privately run shelters have a maximum capacity of 700. □

LOCAL



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You Can Help adding some Happiness: There is More to the Eyes than You See



ORANJESTAD – In the year 1974 a group of enthusiastic people, stimulated by the Netherlands, founded the "Stichting Blindenzorg Aruba" foundation. In 1975 the name was changed to the Papiamento name "Fundacion Arubano di esnan Visualmente Incapacita," abbreviated as FAVI, easily recognizable in the community. The name FAVI nowadays is directly linked to the visually impaired. Cetty Baarh, Director of the foundation: "FAVI is for the blind and visually impaired, we are the only one on the island that gives guidance to this group. The objective is to help and guide them with the main purpose to make them happy again. We focus first on happiness because when the person feels good about her or himself again after losing her or his sight, only then we can mean something to them. Only then they accept our help and if they do we concentrate on what they want and need."

Reintegration into Society

Either the eye specialist or the client initiates to come to FAVI. Next they go to their home to see the situation and register their needs. "What do you want? How is your home situation? Do you have problems at your job? are some of the questions we ask. After that we do a practical visual check with a revalidation therapist. The test is not medical but for us to determine the person's visual capacity. When a person has 30% or less they are considered a visually impaired person." In general people with a vision above that, they are not accepted. However the exception is when their functional system is not working well, we need to



set a guideline. FAVI has ten workers, the director, two teachers, bus drivers, receptionist, and cleaning lady among others. A revalidation therapist gives all trainings and operates the vision testing. She teaches patients how to work on the computer, typing and does Braille classes for clients and teachers as well.

It does not stop there, as the assistant at the school also has to teach Braille to the parents. There are information briefings to the police school and lectures within the community. The activity coordinator takes care of all social activities like trips to the beach or casino and bus trips, a Christmas celebration or a comedy show visit. The social workers visit the homes of the clients and organize conversational sessions as there are so many topics that the clients have issues with and in this group they talk and find solutions. "Depressions are common with our clients but this group helps them a lot, there is a way out. We focus on what they can still do and on acceptance. If you were able to see before and lose your sight it is really very difficult. When a child is born without sight mostly the parents have problems. We need to teach the child how the world appears and we paint that world. Their social behavior differs often from other children as their senses are more developed and they express in a different way which can cause misunderstandings."

3, 105 Visually Impaired

According to Census Aruba 2010 there are 3,105 visually impaired people. FAVI only has 350 clients, by percentage that is comparable to the Netherlands and Curacao. "They do not look for help easily. The reasons are the taboo, they are embarrassed to get out, do not want people to know and will try to ignore it, as long as manageable. Other factors are they do not wish to burden the family so they keep themselves isolated", the director explains. The majority of the clients are visually impaired because of glaucoma or diabetes;



for sure 80% of those illnesses are the cause and also age. A smaller group is born with the illness, like premature babies, babies with eye disease or born with cataracts. "Before the age range was 60 and up, but the clients are getting younger, so 50 and up is now applicable but a growing group are young people in their twenties. This is because of the unhealthy eating lifestyle so they get diabetes that can go hand-in-hand with losing sight."

Reach Out

FAVI visits the doctors to underline the importance of referring clients to them. "We would like to reach everybody, we have the knowledge in-house and the professionals working here. We call on the community to be open to us, even if you do not have this problem yourself, you might know someone in your neighborhood, and friends, family and you help a lot to inform them about us to coax them out of isolation."

Needs

"We would love tourists to come and see our facility to see what we have to offer and interact with clients. Clients are always open to that, so call us and stop by. Every Wednesday we have gym class and we have other classes, it would be great to show you how we work and have you spread the word," Baarh says. FAVI as a foundation receives a government subsidy, mainly to pay the workers and they have other funds from different donations. "We do activities to get funding and we have collectors. We can only run by that. We are in need of equipment and that is expensive, especially for the blind and visually impaired, like Braille type machines, printers etc. For example we have two blind children on the island that follow regular education completely in Braille, so they have their typing machine for Braille. But the technology is advancing and we need to be able to keep up to make sure these kids can proceed in the regular system." □



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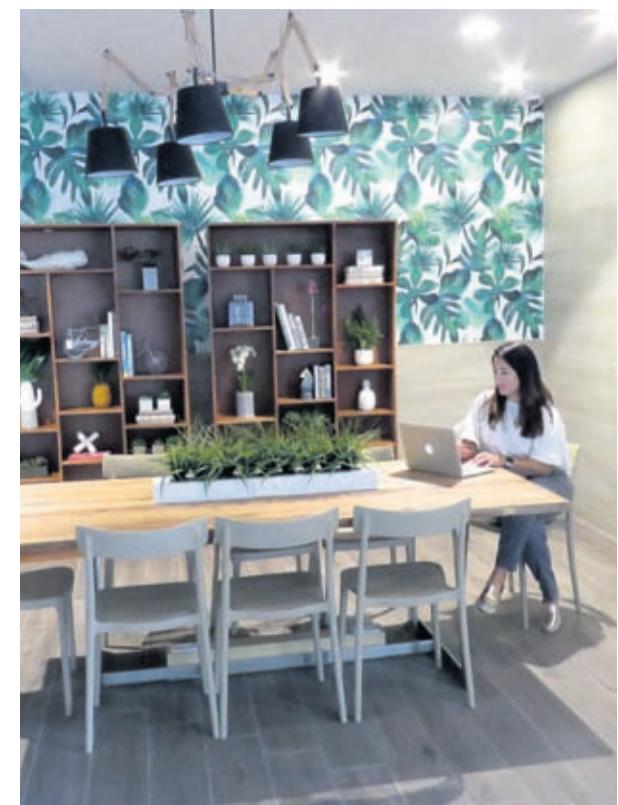
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The big plus about this project is that you can actually see the result already, you do not buy from a drawing, and at Azure they can show you the end result for real. The construction of Tower II is running according to schedule, the condominiums are divided and planned to be ready in 2020. This tower has studios and 1-bedroom apartments, Tower I has only 2- and 3- bedroom units", Marinelda explains. Either for investment or pleasure, this is a great opportunity. "The interior of Tower II will differ as we will use more colors and natural elements like wood. Tower I is mainly in white styling. Quality is high, we are going for the newest technology with regards to windows for example. A soft opening is scheduled for the realtors and media to show the product."

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SPORTS



Joey Logano waves a checkered flag as he stands with his wife Brittany Baca and son Hudson after winning NASCAR Cup Series Championship auto race at the Homestead-Miami Speedway, Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018, in Homestead, Fla.

Associated Press

Logano journeys from bullied teen to NASCAR champion

By JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer

HOMESTEAD, Fla. (AP) — Joey Logano's team headed to South Beach long before NASCAR's newest champion wrapped up his obligations at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

He was emotional, exhausted and still trying to comprehend how he'd chased down The Big Three to snatch his first career NASCAR title.

"I don't even know how to party," Logano said.

"I guess I'm just going to follow whatever they do." Team Penske was indeed waiting for the newly minted champion to arrive and show him how to celebrate — just another life lesson learned on the job for Logano.

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Yankees get Paxton from Mariners for Sheffield, 2 others

By RONALD BLUM

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Left-hander James Paxton was acquired by the Yankees from the Seattle Mariners for a trio of prospects Monday, bolstering the thin starting rotation that contributed to New York's loss to Boston in the AL Division Series.

New York sent left-hander Justus Sheffield to the Mariners along with right-hander Erik Swanson and outfielder Dom Thompson-Williams.

Paxton turned 30 on Nov. 6 and went 11-6 with a 3.76 ERA in 28 starts last season, including a no-hitter at Toronto on May 8. Paxton, a proud Canadian, is also known for keeping his composure as a bald eagle mistakenly landed on his shoulder prior to a start at Minnesota in April.

He joins a rotation projected to include right-handers Luis Severino and Masahiro Tanaka and left-hander CC Sabathia.

Paxton made \$4.9 million last season and is eligible for salary arbitration.

He can become a free agent after the 2020 sea-

son.

Sheffield is rated among the top minor league prospects, made his big league debut in September and pitched in three games for the Yankees. He had a 2.48 ERA in 25 minor league appearances at Double-A and Triple-A this year, striking out 123 in 116 innings and allowing just four home runs. Sheffield won't turn 23 until May and could become a future anchor to Seattle's rotation.

Swanson, 25, started the year at Double-A Trenton but spent most of 2018 at the Triple-A level with Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, where he made 13 starts and had a 3.86 ERA.

Swanson had 78 strikeouts and 14 walks in 72 1/3 innings in Triple-A. He pitched 121 2/3 total innings last season overall and was rated among the top 25 prospects in the Yankees organization by MLB.com. Thompson-Williams, 23, has never played above Class A and will turn 24 next April. He had 22 home runs, 20 stolen bases and a .299 average across two Class A affiliates this year. □

Griffin Conine, Jeff's son, banned 50 games for drug test



In this June 2, 2018, file photo, then-Duke's Griffin Conine gets ready to bat during an NCAA college baseball tournament regional game against Campbell, in Athens, Ga.

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Toronto outfielder Griffin Conine, a son of former major league outfielder Jeff Conine, has been suspended for the first 50 games of next season under the minor league drug program for a positive test for the banned stimulant ritalinic acid.

New York Yankees pitcher Daniel Marten was sus-

pended for the first 25 games for a violation of the drug program; 25-game suspensions are assessed for use or possession of a syringe of an injectable substance, the commissioner's office said Monday.

Griffin Conine, 21, was selected by the Blue Jays in the second round of last June's amateur draft with

the 52nd overall pick and signed for a bonus of \$1.35 million.

After playing for Duke for three seasons, Conine went 3 for 8 with three RBIs in two games for the Gulf Coast League Blue Jays, then hit .238 with seven homers, 14 doubles and 30 RBIs for Vancouver of the Class A Northwest League. □

Logano journeys

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Logano has literally grown up on NASCAR's national stage, transitioning from over-hyped teenager to seasoned veteran during a decade-long journey in which many of his experiences played out publicly and made him an easy target for his peers to push around.

Few knew what to make out of the gangly kid from Connecticut when Hall of Fame driver Mark Martin declared him NASCAR's next superstar. Logano got the nickname "Sliced Bread" even before his first NASCAR event, and after being held in development by Joe Gibbs Racing the team celebrated his 18th birthday with a sheet cake at Charlotte

Motor Speedway.

Gibbs was ready to see Logano's promised talent and had him in a race one week after he was legally old enough to compete in NASCAR. Old enough but maybe not ready.

"I expected to go out there and win and just got my butt handed to me on a platter," Logano said.

Logano came to NASCAR as a raw talent unafraid of aggressive racing. His rivals thought he should know his place, and he struggled to live by the so-called driver code. It nearly ended his career as Gibbs let Logano go after five seasons that produced two wins but was marred by disputes with Kevin Harvick and Tony Stewart, among others. Everything could have



Joey Logano (22) does a burnout after winning the NASCAR Cup Series championship auto race at Homestead-Miami Speedway, Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018, in Homestead, Fla.

Associated Press

ended for Logano after that 2012 season.

"As a kid growing up, I was an aggressive racer and I was able to win a lot of races," Logano said. "I got humbled pretty quick. I got beat up. I got pushed around a lot. I wasn't fast. I didn't have no respect. I think that beats up on your confidence pretty quickly."

There's a lot of times that I felt really weak, and I'd break down. You know,

when you're confused, you don't know how to be better. You're 18 years old or 19 or 20, and this is some pretty big stuff for a teenager to be able to go through." It was Roger Penske who rescued Logano from unemployment.

Team Penske had an open seat alongside 2012 champion Brad Keselowski, who wanted Logano as his teammate.

The lifeline saved his career. "I was losing my job at Gibbs, that was a pretty low point for me, and I don't think I thought as clearly as I do now," Logano said. "I was thinking, 'Oh my gosh, I'm not going to be a race car driver anymore,' and 'What am I going to do with my life? This is awful.' Next thing you know, there's the 22 car and Roger Penske."

The transition wasn't exactly smooth.

Penske has backed Logano from the very first day and doesn't want his driver to change. It meant more incidents with other drivers, including a feud with Matt Kenseth that cost Logano a shot at the 2015 championship. □

LeBron James scores 51 points, Lakers beat Heat

By The Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — LeBron James scored 51 points against his former club and the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Miami Heat 113-97 on Sunday night.

James had 19 points in the first quarter to help the Lakers open a big lead.

The 51 points were a season high for James, and the most he's scored against Miami; he had 47 against the Heat twice. His last shot was a 32-footer with 16 seconds left, capping the 13th 50-point game of his career—including playoffs—and he threw the ball skyward at midcourt when time expired.

It was James' first time winning against Miami since he left the Heat after the 2014 NBA Finals. He was 0-4 when facing the Heat since.

Wayne Ellington scored 19 points for Miami.

SPURS 104, WARRIORS 92

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — LaMarcus Aldridge had 24 points and 18 rebounds and San Antonio Spurs fended off a late rally to beat short-handed Golden State, extending the Warriors' skid to three games. DeMar DeRozan had 20 points, and Rudy Gay added 19 to help San Antonio snap a three-game slide.

Kevin Durant scored 26 points and Klay Thompson had 25 for Golden State.

The Warriors are 2-5 since an eight-game winning streak. The Warriors were without injured starters Stephen Curry and Draymond Green, and their absence led to a cold start. Three nights after being held to a season-low output in a 107-86 loss at Houston, the two-time defending NBA champions nearly matched that dubious mark.

TRAIL BLAZERS 119, WIZARDS 109

WASHINGTON (AP) — Damian Lillard scored 40 points, C.J. McCollum added 25 and Portland beat Washington to snap a two-game losing streak and improve to 11-5.

Jusuf Nurkic had 13 points, 14 rebounds and matched his career high with eight assists.

John Wall scored 24 points for the Wizards.

MAGIC 131, KNICKS 117

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Aaron Gordon scored 20 of his 31 points in the first quarter and Orlando held off New York for its seventh victory in nine games.

Nikola Vucevic had 28 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists. The Magic shot 57 percent and set a season high for points, surpassing the 130 they scored Saturday night against the Los Angeles Lakers.

Tim Hardaway Jr. scored 32 points for New York, Trey Burke added 31 and Enes

Kanter had 21 points and 19 rebounds. The Knicks have lost five straight.

GRIZZLIES 100, TIMBERWOLVES 87

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Marc Gasol had 26 points and 13 rebounds, Mike Conley added 18 points and nine assists and Memphis pulled away to beat Minnesota. Gasol was 4 of 7 from 3-point range and Memphis hit 12 overall. The Grizzlies forced Minnesota into 20 turnovers and turned them into 19 points.

Karl-Anthony Towns had 15 points and 20 rebounds for the Timberwolves. They had won three straight games since trading Jimmy Butler to Philadelphia. □



Los Angeles Lakers forward LeBron James dribbles the ball during the first half of the team's NBA basketball game against Miami Heat, Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018, in Miami.

Associated Press

NBA fines Miami's Josh Richardson \$25,000 for shoe toss

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writer

MIAMI (AP) — Josh Richardson's shoe toss was predictably costly.

The NBA fined the Miami Heat guard \$25,000 on Monday, one day after he threw one of his sneakers several rows into the stands midway through the fourth quarter of a loss to the Los Angeles Lakers. "I can't really do anything about it at this point," said Richardson, who spoke with NBA officials by phone earlier Monday

to give his side of the story before the discipline was meted out.

"I'm just going to learn from it and go forward." Heat coach Erik Spoelstra lauded Richardson's competitiveness but did not give him a pass for throwing something into the crowd—and stressed that things have to start changing for Miami soon. The Heat play host to Brooklyn on Tuesday night. "There's some behavior that's unacceptable," Spoelstra said. □

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Blackhawks build early lead, beat Wild 3-1

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Jonathan Toews and Brandon Saad scored first-period goals, Corey Crawford made 39 saves and the Chicago Blackhawks held on to defeat the Minnesota Wild 3-1 on Sunday night. Dominik Kahun added an empty-netter with 58.5 second left as the Blackhawks improved to 2-2-2 under coach Jeremy Colliton, who replaced Joel Quenneville on Nov. 6. Patrick Kane had two assists for Chicago, 2-0-1 in its last three games.

Zach Parise scored for Minnesota, which lost its second straight game and for the third time in four games. The Wild controlled the game after Parise's goal made it 2-1 midway through the second, but Crawford was sharp and preserved the lead.

Backup Alex Stalock stopped 25 shots for Minnesota as usual starter Devan

Dubnyk got the night off in the second of back-to-back games. Parise has six goals in his last nine games and has scored in two straight.

HURRICANES 2, DEVILS 1

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Justin Williams and Micheal Ferland scored in the game's first 30 seconds and Carolina held on for the victory. Curtis McElhinney made 33 saves for Carolina.

Carolina's two-goal outburst in the first half-minute was a franchise record and tied for fifth-fastest in NHL history.

Pavel Zacha scored his second goal of the season late in the first period for New Jersey. Cory Schneider finished with 20 saves.

STARS 6, ISLANDERS 2

NEW YORK (AP) — Esa Lindell scored twice during Dallas' four-goal second period and the Stars won their second straight game. Alexander Radulov had two goals and an assist, Ty-

ler Seguin had a goal and two assists, and Roope Hintz also scored for the Stars.

Jamie Benn had three assists, Jason Spezza had two to top 900 points in his career, and Ben Bishop stopped 37 shots.

Anthony Beauvillier and Scott Mayfield scored for the Islanders, who lost in regulation for the third time in 12 games (7-3-2).

Thomas Greiss had 16 saves, and was pulled after giving up three goals on six shots in the first 7:08 of the second period.

Robin Lehner finished with 11 saves.

GOLDEN KNIGHTS 6, OILERS 3

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Jonathan Marchessault had two goals and an assist to help Vegas beat Edmonton.

William Karlsson, Cody Eakin, Max Pacioretty and Reilly Smith also scored, Smith tacked on two assists and Colin Miller had three.



Chicago Blackhawks center Dominik Kahun scores on an empty net against the Minnesota Wild during the third period of an NHL hockey game Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018, in Chicago.

Associated Press

AVALANCHE 4, DUCKS 3, OT

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Mikko Rantanen's power-play slap shot with 1.3 seconds on the clock in overtime lifted Colorado over slumping Anaheim.

Rantanen also had two assists for the Avalanche, who overcame a 3-1 deficit to hand the Ducks their 12th loss in 15 games. Nathan MacKinnon added a goal and two assists, and Philipp Grubauer stopped 30 shots for Colorado. □

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Easy to declare a winner in NHL concussion lawsuit

By TIM DAHLBERG
AP Sports Columnist

At the Stanley Cup Finals earlier this year, Commissioner Gary Bettman couldn't talk enough about the feel-good story of the Vegas Golden Knights and the NHL's role in bringing major league sports to Las Vegas.

When it came to a question about concussions and the degenerative brain disease chronic traumatic encephalopathy, Bettman wasn't nearly as chatty.

"There's nothing new on the subject," Bettman said before turning to Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly and asking, "Do you want to answer that?"

Daly didn't, though he did note that the NHL believes there's not enough scientific information to draw a definite link between concussions and CTE.

"This is not the commissioner's view, it's the science view," Daly said.

No big surprise there, since Bettman and Daly run a league that has tolerated — and tacitly condoned — players hitting each other in the head ever since the era of the league's Original Six began in 1942.

And it is true that while there is increasing research that indicates concussions can cause CTE, there is a lot more researchers need to learn about head injuries before establishing it as a scientific fact.

Still, the NHL moved this week to settle a lawsuit from former players who accused the league of failing to warn them about the dangers of concussions and about the risks of playing hockey. The league agreed to settle with retired players in a deal that could net each \$22,000 and make them eligible for

up to \$75,000 in medical treatment.

That's not much for players who got their brains scrambled playing the hard-nosed sport of hockey. More importantly, perhaps, is that it's not an admission that the league did anything wrong, with the NHL not acknowledging any liability.

It's simply a way to move on, with a token payment to the 318 retired players settling the legal score.

The total cost to the NHL is \$18.9 million, a far cry from the NFL concussion settlement that covers 20,000 former players with payouts expected to top \$1.5 billion over 65 years. As of last month, the NFL concussion lawsuit claims panel had already approved more than \$500 million in awards and paid out \$330 million.

One reason the numbers are so different is that the NFL is a much bigger league than the NHL, generating about three times the revenue that major league hockey does. Another is that a federal judge denied class-action status in July for the lawsuit, preventing another potential 5,000 retired players from being involved.

The main reason, though, is that while the NFL attitude toward concussions softened over the years, the NHL wasn't about to change its stance that there isn't enough evidence to show that blows taken to the head led to brain damage.

"When you have a defendant who has spent millions of dollars litigating a case for four years to prove that nothing is wrong with getting your brain bashed in, you can only get so far," players' attorney Stuart Davidson told The Associated



In this Oct. 29, 2018, file photo, National Hockey League commissioner Gary Bettman speaks during a news conference in New York.

Associated Press

Press. "I think it's important for players who have an opportunity to settle their case with the NHL now to understand that before they get anything through a trial against the NHL, it's going to cost millions of dollars in experts to get there,

and that's going to have to be paid for before they see a penny from any recovery, assuming they win."

In other words, a token settlement is better than no settlement at all.

The NHL will end up spending the equivalent of the

salaries of one first line over a year to get rid of a problem that could have vexed the league for many years. It did so without having to acknowledge that high-speed collisions and ubiquitous fighting could lead to brain problems later in life. Bettman's hard-line approach paid off, and that's no surprise.

This is a commissioner, you might recall, who canceled an entire season rather than let players get paid what they're worth. The lawsuit had already dragged on for four years, and with the NHL fighting it every step of the way, there wasn't much appetite among attorneys and most former players to take it further.

In the end, the players will get some medical testing and a few dollars. The NHL, meanwhile, will get protection from further suits at a small cost.

Pretty easy to figure out the winner in this one.□

Rivera, Halladay top newcomers on Hall of Fame ballot

NEW YORK (AP) — Career saves leader Mariano Rivera and late pitcher Roy Halladay are among 20 new candidates on the Hall of Fame ballot for the Baseball Writers' Association of America, joined by 15 holdovers headed by Edgar Martinez. Left-hander Andy Pettitte and infielders Todd Helton, Michael Young and Miguel Tejada also are among the newcomers on the ballot announced Monday.

Steroids-tainted stars Roger Clemens and Barry Bonds each appear on the ballot for the seventh

time. Clemens rose to 57.3 percent in the 2018 ballot but fell 75 votes short of the 75 percent needed, and Bonds was 79 votes shy at 56.4 percent. Martinez was 20 votes short at 70.4 percent, Mike Mussina at 63.5 percent and Curt Schilling at 51.2 percent. Rivera had 652 regular-season saves and 42 in the postseason during 19 seasons with the New

York Yankees that included five World Series titles. He was 8-1 with a 0.70 ERA in 32 postseason series. Halladay won Cy Young Awards with Toronto in 2003 and Philadelphia

in 2010 and was 203-105 with a 3.38 ERA in 16 seasons. He pitched a perfect game against Florida in 2010 and a no-hitter that fall versus Cincinnati in the NL Championship Series opener — only the second postseason no-hitter after Dan Larsen's perfect game in the 1956 World Series. Halladay died piloting a plane in November 2017.

Pettitte was 256-153 with a 3.85 ERA in 15 seasons with the Yankees and three with Houston and went 19-11 record with a 3.81 ERA in 44 postseason starts.□

Steelers rally to stun Jaguars in final seconds, 20-16

By The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Ben Roethlisberger was far from perfect until the fourth quarter, and that was all that mattered for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

One week after Roethlisberger had a perfect quarterback rating, he overcame three interceptions and a 16-0 deficit by leading two late scoring drives. He lunged in from the 1 for the winning score with 5 seconds left for a 20-16 victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars on Sunday.

The Steelers (7-2-1) won their sixth straight and likely ended any playoff hopes for the Jaguars, who eliminated Pittsburgh in the divisional round last year. The Jaguars (3-7) dropped their sixth in a row in a game they controlled until the final five minutes.

Leonard Fournette ran for 95 yards and caught two passes for 46 yards that led to the Jaguars' only touchdown when he launched himself from the 4 and scored for a 16-0 lead with 2:09 left in the third quarter. Roethlisberger, who now has 10 turnovers in his last three games against Jacksonville, took over from there. He got safety Tashaun Gipson Sr. to bite on a pump fake and found Antonio Brown open deep in the middle of the field for a 78-yard touchdown.

Still trailing by 10 points with just under six minutes remaining, Roethlisberger found tight end Vance McDonald in the back of the end zone to cut the lead to 16-13 with 2:28 remaining. The Jaguars went three-and-out, and Roethlisberger led a 68-yard drive. He hit JuJu Smith-Schuster on the left sideline for a 35-yard gain to the 27 that at least got the Steelers in field goal position.

James Conner dropped a sure touchdown when he got behind linebacker Telvin Smith Sr., but Roethlisberger hit Brown over the middle to the 2.

TEXANS 23, REDSKINS 21

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Justin Reid returned an interception 101 yards to



Washington Redskins quarterback Alex Smith (11) ankle is injured as he is sacked by Houston Texans defensive end J.J. Watt (99) and Houston Texans strong safety Kareem Jackson (25) during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018 in Landover, Md.

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help the Texans overcome a mistake-prone Deshaun Watson for their seventh consecutive victory.

Washington's loss came at a significant price when quarterback Alex Smith suffered a gruesome ankle injury on a sack in the third quarter. Smith's right ankle turned the wrong way as he was sacked by Kareem Jackson and J.J. Watt on a play eerily similar to Joe Theismann's broken leg that came exactly 33 years ago to the day.

Colt McCoy replaced Smith and threw for a touchdown pass and led a long scoring drive for Washington (6-4), which likely will have to rely on the journeyman quarterback the rest of the way. Adrian Peterson's touchdown that put the Redskins up 21-20 early in the fourth quarter was the first lead change in a game involving the Redskins all season. Watson threw for a touchdown and had two interceptions, completing 16 of 24 passes and taking three sacks. Houston (7-3) turned over the ball three times, but kept its winning streak going after Redskins kicker Dustin Hopkins missed a 63-yard field-goal attempt with 3 seconds left.

Peterson ran for two touchdowns to continue climbing the NFL rushing chart, but was bottled up on a lot

of his other carries. Peterson's 3- and 7-yard TD runs gave him 105 in his career and moved him past former Redskins star John Riggins into sole possession of sixth, one behind Jim Brown for fifth.

Peterson finished with 51 yards on 16 carries.

COWBOYS 22, FALCONS 19

ATLANTA (AP) — Brett Maher shook off a missed extra point and kicked a 42-yard field goal on the final play. Matt Ryan threw a 34-yard touchdown pass to Julio Jones for Atlanta's only touchdown with 1:52 remaining to tie the game. But Dallas drove 51 yards in 10 plays, setting up Maher's winning kick as time expired. The Cowboys (5-5), who gained a game on Washington in the NFC East, gave their playoff hopes a boost. Atlanta (4-6) lost its second straight game and now faces long odds to reach the postseason — especially playing in the NFC South, where the Falcons trail New Orleans and Carolina.

After a field goal battle between Maher and Atlanta's Matt Bryant left the Falcons with a 9-6 lead heading to the final period, Dak Prescott and Ezekiel Elliott scored on a pair of runs to push the Cowboys to a 19-9 lead.

Grinding for every yard, Dal-

las needed 14 plays to cover 75 yards for the game's first TD, Prescott's 4-yard run after faking a handoff to Elliott. Prescott had a couple of 17-yard passes — one to Amari Cooper, another to Cole Beasley — but no other play on the possession went for more than 5 yards. Maher hooked the extra point, however, leaving the Cowboys with a 12-9 lead. They quickly extended the margin. On Atlanta's next possession, Ryan threw a short pass to Calvin Ridley cutting over the middle. The ball was thrown a bit too hard, the rookie couldn't hang on and it ricocheted into the arms of Dallas linebacker Leighton Vander Esch. He returned the interception 28 yards to the Atlanta 31.

Two plays later, Elliott darted through a big hole up the middle, shook off an attempted tackle from Damontae Kazee at the 15 and powered in for a 23-yard touchdown. Maher connected on this extra point, giving the Cowboys a 10-point lead with 12:26 remaining.

BEARS 25, VIKINGS 20

CHICAGO (AP) — Khalil Mack had a sack and fumble recovery, Eddie Jackson returned an interception for a touchdown and Chicago beat Minnesota to tighten its grip on the

NFC North.

Mack and Jackson led a dominant effort by the defense. And Chicago (7-3) took a big step toward its first division championship since 2010. The Bears have won a season-high four in a row. And the past two have come against the NFC North after they dropped 10 straight to division opponents.

Chicago simply suffocated the Vikings (5-4-1), dominating in total yards (308-268) and time of possession (34:29-25:31) even though quarterback Mitchell Trubisky had his difficulties. Trubisky was 20 of 31 for 165 yards and a touchdown, but had two passes intercepted by Anthony Harris.

BRONCOS 23, CHARGERS 22

CARSON, Calif. (AP) — Brandon McManus kicked a 34-yard field goal as time expired and snapped the Chargers' six-game winning streak.

Denver got the ball at its 8 with 1:51 remaining, and Case Keenum orchestrated a seven-play, 76-yard drive. Keenum, who was 19 of 32 for 205 yards, completed five passes for 86 yards during the drive, including a 30-yarder to Courtland Sutton to the Denver 16. Keenum then spiked the ball and McManus kicked the field goal as time expired.

Phillip Lindsay had 11 carries for 79 yards and Sutton had three receptions for 78 yards. Denver (4-6) had lost six of seven coming into the game. Philip Rivers threw for 401 yards and two touchdowns. The 15-year veteran, who completed 28 of 43 passes, also became the sixth quarterback in league history to throw at least two touchdown passes in each of his team's first 10 games to start a season.

It was not one of the cleanest games for Rivers or the Chargers (7-3), though. Rivers threw two interceptions and Los Angeles committed 14 penalties, including 10 in the first half. Mike Badgley, who made three field goals, also missed an extra point that ended up looming large. □

Quite the contrast: Senator Manny vs Adrien Broner

By BARRY WILNER

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Dressed in a sharp gray suit and tie, Manny Pacquiao looked every bit the senator he is. It was his other job, though, that he was working Monday when the eight-time champion announced a Jan. 19 defense of his WBA welterweight belt against Adrien Broner.

"He's one of the top boxers out there," Pacquiao said of Broner, who attended the news conference in slightly different garb: torn jeans adorned with spangles, a T-shirt and black jacket. "Adrien Broner is a high-caliber fighter."

"I have no problem to fight at 140 (pounds), it's my natural weight. I can't say I am avoiding (opponents), that is not my style. I am willing to find other fighters to fight, too, I am available to fight at 140, 147. It is 147 for this fight."

Pacquiao will be 40 when he enters the ring at the MGM hotel in Las Vegas to take on the 29-year-old Broner. It will be the Filipino's 70th fight in a career that began in 1995 and has included titles in weight classes from flyweight to welterweight. He hasn't fought in the United States in two years.

Referred to by his followers as Senator Manny, Pacquiao won and then lost the WBO welterweight crown following his lopsided loss to Floyd Mayweather in a May 2015 megafight. In July, he knocked out Lucas Matthysse for the WBA title, Pacquiao's first KO victory since 2009 when he stopped Miguel Cotto in the final round.

His government role will be placed aside, Pacquiao claims, while he prepares for Broner.

"My opponent is fast, good, and I have to work hard and train hard so the people will be happy on Jan. 19 when we give them a good fight," said Pacquiao, who flashed a mischievous smile when asked if another encounter with the currently retired Mayweather might be in the future.



Manny Pacquiao, left, and Adrien Broner pose for photographers at a news conference, Monday, Nov. 19, 2018, in New York. Pacquiao will defend his World Boxing Association welterweight title against Broner on Jan. 19, 2019, in Las Vegas.

Associated Press

"I am fighting Adrien Broner," Pacquiao said, adding he was with Mayweather in Japan and mentioned that he, not Mayweather, owned a belt, so "you come challenge me." Broner views this as his chance to "become a legend." As he strutted around the stage, his words at first were respectful toward Pacquiao, whom Broner "dreamed of fighting when I was a kid."

Soon, though, Broner was back to being Broner, the boastful, say-anything-character who likes talking trash as much as throwing leather. "He ain't fighting Floyd, he's fighting me," Broner said. "He's gotta get past me first."

"Of course, things he's done in the game are unbelievable. I know Jan. 19 I gotta be at the top of my game. I'm gonna (mess) him up."

Broner, from Cincinnati, is 33-3-1 with 24 knockouts. But he didn't win either of

his most recent fights, losing a unanimous decision to Mikey Garcia, who won his 36th straight, in July last year, and then drawing with Jessie Vargas.

Which means recent results indicate neither he nor Pacquiao is in his prime or close to it. Still, they are big enough names for Showtime to put the fight on

pay-per-view television. Both men were asked if they are elite boxers now. Neither flinched in answering.

"Yes, of course," Pacquiao insisted. "I want to fight the greatest opponents in the world and one of them is Adrien Broner. I can fight anybody."

Broner shook his head and

smirked when queried on his skill level these days.

"I'm gonna do me; he's gotta worry about what I do," Broner said. "I know what he can do."

"I got three losses, he's got (seven). He's been knocked out; we know he can go to sleep. I got the stuff to do it. I'll hit the jackpot overnight." □

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Democrats gear up for more digital spending in 2020

By BRIAN SLODKO

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

One of the largest outside Democratic groups says ramped-up spending on digital advertising played a key role in midterm battleground races, offering a lesson for potential presidential contenders in 2020. "You're going to have to have an organization that speaks directly to voters on their phones and their computers," said Guy Cecil, chairman of Priorities USA, which spearheaded much of the party's digital effort during the recent midterm elections. "If the presidential candidates do not have that as a central part of their operation, they will not win."

Democrats are trying to draw in new voters who are young, diverse and college educated. But at a time when cord-cutting millennials and their parents alike are spending more time online, the party remains disproportionately committed to TV advertising, strategists say, a dynamic that could complicate those efforts.

"Who is watching broadcast television, who is watching Wheel of Fortune, who is watching Jeopardy? They are older, white and they tend to not be Democratic voters," said Tim Lim, who worked on the campaigns of former President Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton and is now a fellow at Georgetown's Institute of Politics. "By focusing so much on broadcast TV ads, we are missing crucial audiences to talk to."

But it's not just about how much is spent online; it's about how that money is spent.

While Democrats have been wildly successful at using online advertising to rake in millions in donations and build email contact lists from their base, they've lagged behind Republicans when it comes to winning over new or on-the-fence voters in the digital space, operatives in both parties say.

A spokeswoman for the Democratic National Com-



In this Nov. 6, 2018, file photo, Rep. Beto O'Rourke, makes his concession speech at his election night party in El Paso, Texas, after being defeated by Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas.

mittee did not respond to a request for comment. However, there are signs that the party is making improvements.

One bright spot for Democrats was Priorities' \$6.3-million digital effort that supported Senator-elect Kyrsten Sinema's win over GOP Rep. Martha McSally in Arizona, a red state that has shown signs of trending toward Democrats.

The goal was driving up overall turnout, with an additional focus on several key demographic groups, including Latinos and whites without a college degree. One set of slickly produced "social pressure" and motivational ads featured a diverse group of actors making the argument for why voting matters.

At the same time, a separate prong of the campaign was aimed at reducing support for a Green Party candidate who later dropped out and endorsed Sinema — a late-breaking development that was highlighted in online ads. As evidence the campaign helped, Priorities noted in a memo provided to The Associated Press that turnout was up overall and Sinema performed better than Democrats in the recent past with the groups that were targeted.

"We have definitely closed the gap from the previous

cycle, but it doesn't mean we're entirely there yet," said Cecil, whose group spent roughly \$50 million overall on digital advertising during the midterms.

Though Democrats are behind when it comes to online advertising, an aversion to big spending on digital is not entirely unique to them when compared to the corporate world.

While hard numbers are difficult to come by, both parties tend to spend vastly less than is common among corporate advertising clients, where digital spending averages around 40 percent — more than what is normally spent on TV.

It's also hard to tell how the parties are spending their online advertising dollars

because much of the publicly available data does not differentiate between ads geared toward fund-raising and email list building versus ads aimed at winning over voters.

Still, there are some broader trends that can be looked at.

After being outspent by Republicans on Facebook in 2016, Democratic campaigns and aligned outside groups had outspent Republicans by more than a 2-to-1 margin on the platform as of last month, according to Facebook data compiled by Democratic digital advertising firm Bully Pulpit International.

"Facebook is the best platform for lead generation and digital fundraising, which explains why Democrats are using it to channel the outrage of their base into email addresses and donations," said Michael Duncan, a partner and digital strategist at the Republican firm Cavalry LLC. "But when it comes to persuasion (of undecided voters), video overall — and Google specifically — are better platforms." □

Big tech firms pledge training for workers in Southeast Asia

By KAWEEWIT KAEWJINDA

Associated Press

BANGKOK (AP) — Microsoft, Google and other major technology companies have promised to help provide training in digital skills for around 20 million people in Southeast Asia by 2020 to make sure the region's burgeoning working-age population is a fit for the future job market. Up to 28 million full-time jobs are subject to being displaced, according to a new estimate. The World Economic Forum think tank announced Monday its "ASEAN Digital Skills Vision 2020" initiative to improve the technological capacity of the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations with training, funds for scholarships, internships and shaping the curricula of technology and computing courses, among other measures. The forum is best known for its annual meetings in Davos, Switzerland, of top business and political leaders.

Southeast Asia is seeking to increase the digital skills of its workers as the shift to greater use of robots and other automation threatens to rob those without technological savvy of opportunities for em-

ployment, even in manufacturing and service industries. Other companies pledging training include Cisco, Grab, Lazada, Sea Group and Tokopedia. Google leads the pack, with a pledge to train 3 million small-to-medium-size enterprise employees across ASEAN.

Ministers from countries such as Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore and Vietnam also pledged to join the initiative, Justin Wood, the forum's Asia Pacific head, said at a news conference. Wood said there are lots of exciting developments in Southeast Asia surrounding the digital field — such as emerging e-commerce markets and rising internet penetration — which point to a "vibrant economy emerging," but the level of skills among workers in the digital field "is not as good as it needs to be to capture this digital opportunity."

Naveen Menon, president for ASEAN of Cisco Systems, said the company's research has shown that the increased adoption of technology could displace up to 28 million jobs in the region by 2020, which would potentially require employees to be reskilled. □

Volatile stock market spooking some older workers, retirees

By ANDREW SOERGEL

The Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — The recent turbulence in the U.S. stock markets is spooking some older workers and retirees, a group that was hit particularly hard during the most recent financial crisis. There's no indication, though, that the recent volatility has brought about large-scale overhauls in retirement planning.

"There's a lot of fear that if you have another event like 2008 and you retire the year before or the year after, you're screwed. I'm not taking that risk," says Mark Patterson, a recently retired patent attorney from Nashville, Tennessee. "There's a huge fear of folks my age that they're going to run out of money and they're going to need to rely on the government for help." By the time the market bottomed out during the financial crisis in 2009, an estimated \$2.7 trillion had been wiped out of Americans' retirement accounts, according to the Urban Institute. Older Americans, in particular, have had a tough time recovering their losses. The Pew Research Center estimates the net worth of the median Baby Boomer household in 2016 was still nearly 18 percent shy of where it sat in 2007. In the two years since Donald Trump's election, 62 percent of Americans — and 76 percent of those 65 and over — don't believe their financial situation has improved despite the run-up in the stock markets, according to a recent Bankrate survey. Nearly 1 in 5 respondents said their finances have actually gotten worse.

Paul Kelash, vice president of consumer insights at Allianz Life Insurance Co.,



Attorney Mark Patterson poses in his law firm's offices Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018, in Nashville, Tenn.
Associated Press

says the market fluctuations throughout 2018 look less like the prelude to a retirement savings crisis and more like a return to normalcy after a remarkably steady market run.

As such, he hasn't seen much evidence of Americans drastically altering their retirement plans. "We get the feeling that folks are getting more comfortable with volatility," he says. Patterson, the recently retired patent attorney, gradually began stepping away from his law practice in 2016 — a decision he says was motivated in part by the stress of his job, his relatively stable finances and a "re-evaluation of priorities" after losing his wife of 35

years in 2013. Now, 68, Patterson says he still has some "discretionary spending" money invested in stocks and riskier assets. But he says he was reluctant to put too much money into a stock market that soared throughout 2017, a decision he says was driven in part by memories of the 2008 financial crisis. "I can retire in 2018 and not be sweating bullets because I put together a budget and I protected it," Patterson says. "The thing that the crash in 2008 taught me is that, even though my portfolio was well set up, that was a black swan type of event. Even if you had a balanced portfolio, everything went down."

Indeed, memories of the recession continue to take a financial and psychological toll on many of those who were affected.

"There is no evidence that retirement wealth has improved in the last few years," says Teresa Ghilarducci, a labor economist, professor and director of the Retirement Equity Lab at The New School. For workers 50 to 65, there are indications wealth has actually fallen, she said. Ghilarducci notes that workers and their employers stopped or cut back on 401(k) and retirement account contributions immediately after the financial crisis. Many also opted to "deleverage" and pay

down debt as the recovery got underway, she says, which tied up money that otherwise would have been saved or invested.

"They had other things to do with their money, even if they didn't lose their job," she says. "Saving is sort of a luxury good. It's what you can do when you can pay for everything else."

And with a limited number of working years ahead of them — and, in some cases, their peak earning years largely behind them — many older Americans haven't managed to replenish their depleted retirement and savings accounts.

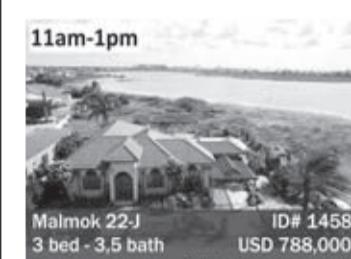
Mark Hamrick, the Washington bureau chief and senior economic analyst at Bankrate, notes that the Federal Reserve's ongoing efforts to boost interest rates benefit savers with money in the bank but also make it more difficult for those with debt to pay back what they owe. The "rising economic tide" has been a boon for many, he says, "but it doesn't lift all boats."

He believes there's a tendency to "overgeneralize" Americans' retirement situations and their day-to-day reactions to the economy.

"There can be a little bit of a disconnect between the improvement in the economic data and the actual experience of many Americans," he says. □

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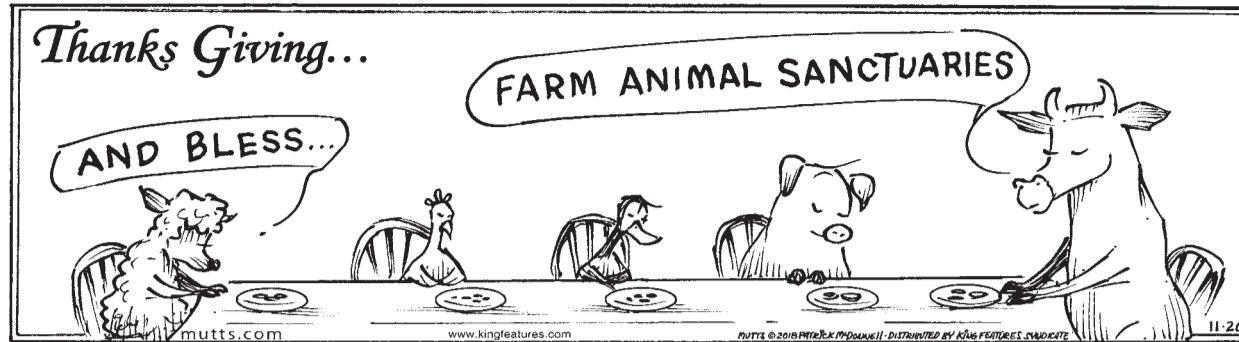
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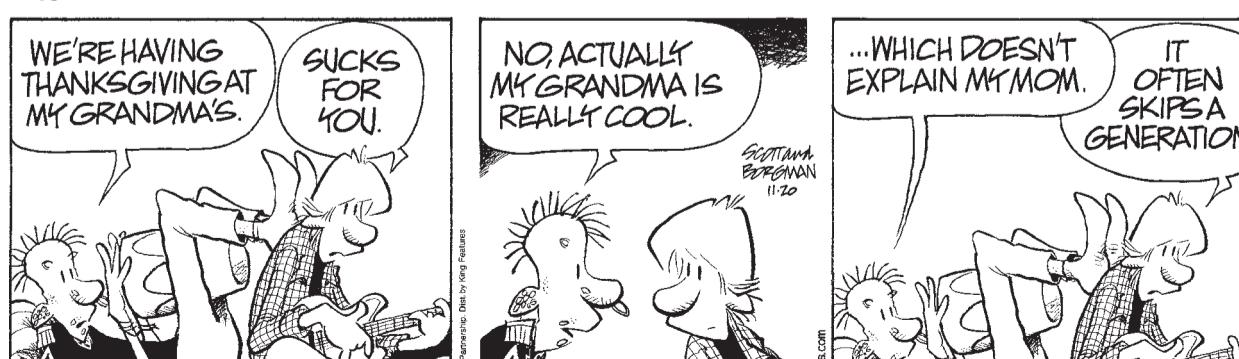
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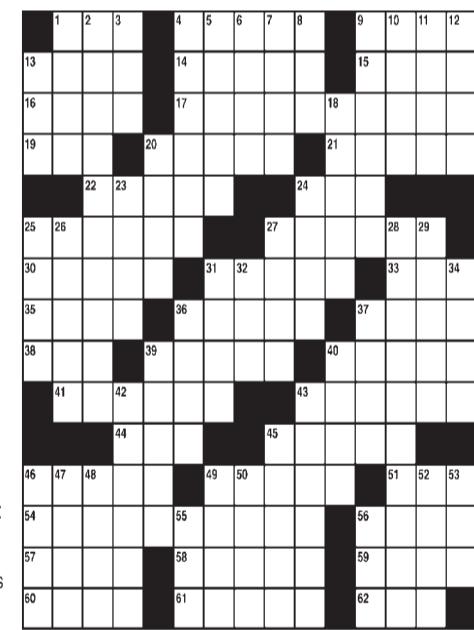
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- 35 Nod off
- 36 Military attack
- 37 Not yours, not his & not hers
- 38 " ___ You Lonesome Tonight?"
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Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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This undated photo provided by Georgia Tech in November 2018 shows a domestic cat grooming its fur.

Associated Press

The scoop on how your cat's sandpaper tongue deep cleans

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cat lovers know when kitties groom, their tongues are pretty scratchy. Using high-tech scans and some other tricks, scientists are learning how those sandpaper-tongued tongues help cats get clean and stay cool.

The secret: Tiny hooks that spring up on the tongue — with scoops built in to carry saliva deep into all that fur. A team of mechanical engineers reported the findings Monday, and say they're more than a curiosity. They could lead to inventions for pets and people. "Their tongue could help us apply fluids, or clean carpets, or apply medicine" to hairy skin, said Georgia Tech lead researcher Alexis Noel, who is seeking a patent for a 3D-printed, tongue-inspired brush. Cats are fastidious, spend-

ing up to a quarter of their waking hours grooming. Noel's interest was piqued when her cat, Murphy, got his tongue stuck in a fuzzy blanket. Scientists had long thought cat tongues were studded with tiny cone-shaped bumps. Noel, working in a lab known for animal-inspired engineering, wondered why. First, CT scans of cats' tongues showed they're not covered in solid cones but in claw-shaped hooks. They lie flat and rear-facing, out of the way until, with a twitch of the tongue muscle, the little spines spring straight up, she explained. The big surprise: Those spines contain hollow scoops, Noel found. Turning to zoos and taxidermists for preserved tongues to examine, she found bobcats, cougars, snow leopards, even lions and tigers share that trait. □

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Fight over dinosaur fossils comes down to what's a mineral

By AMY BETH HANSON
Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — About 66 million years after two dinosaurs died apparently locked in battle on the plains of modern-day Montana, an unusual fight over who owns the entangled fossils has become a multimillion-dollar issue that hinges on the legal definition of "mineral."

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled last week that the "Dueling Dinosaurs" located on private land are minerals both scientifically and under mineral rights laws. The fossils belong both to the owners of the property where they were found and two brothers who kept two-thirds of the mineral rights to the land once owned by their father, a three-judge panel said in a split decision.

Eric Edward Nord, an attorney for the property owners, said the case is complex in dealing with who owns what's on top of land vs. the minerals that make it up and addresses a unique question of mineral rights law related to dinosaur



In this Nov. 14, 2013 file photo, one of two "dueling dinosaur" fossils is displayed in New York.
Associated Press

fossils that no court in the country has taken up before.

His clients own part of a ranch in the Hell Creek Formation of eastern Montana that's rich with prehistoric fossils, including the Dueling Dinosaurs whose value had been appraised at \$7 million to \$9 million.

Lige and Mary Ann Murray

bought it from George Severson, who also transferred part of his interest in the ranch to his sons, Jerry and Robert Severson. In 2005, the brothers sold their surface rights to the Murrays, but retained the mineral rights, court documents said.

At the time, neither side suspected valuable dinosaur

fossils were buried on the ranch, court records said. A few months later, amateur paleontologist Clayton Phipps discovered the carnivore and herbivore apparently locked in battle. Imprints of the dinosaurs' skin were also in the sediment.

A dispute arose in 2008 when the Seversons

learned about the fossils — a 22-foot-long (7-meter-long) theropod and a 28-foot-long (9-meter-long) ceratopsian.

The Murrays sought a court order saying they owned the Dueling Dinosaurs, while the Seversons asked a judge to find that fossils are part of the property's mineral estate and that they were entitled to partial ownership.

It had wider implications because the ranch is in an area that has numerous prehistoric creatures preserved in layers of clay and sandstone. Paleontologists have unearthed thousands of specimens now housed in museums and used for research.

But fossils discovered on private land can be privately owned, frustrating paleontologists who say valuable scientific information is being lost.

During the court case, the Dueling Dinosaurs were put up for auction in New York in November 2013. Bidding topped out at \$5.5 million, less than the reserve price of \$6 million. □

Dig resurrects a feud over which town is a state's oldest

By DAVE COLLINS
Associated Press

WETHERSFIELD, Conn. (AP)

— An archaeological dig is rekindling a feud between two towns over which was the first in Connecticut. Experts have unearthed artifacts they believe date to the 1630s in Wethersfield, where town signs declare it the state's "most ancient," founded in 1634. But a few miles up the Connecticut River to the north, Windsor boasts it is the state's "first town," settled in 1633.

The long-running dispute

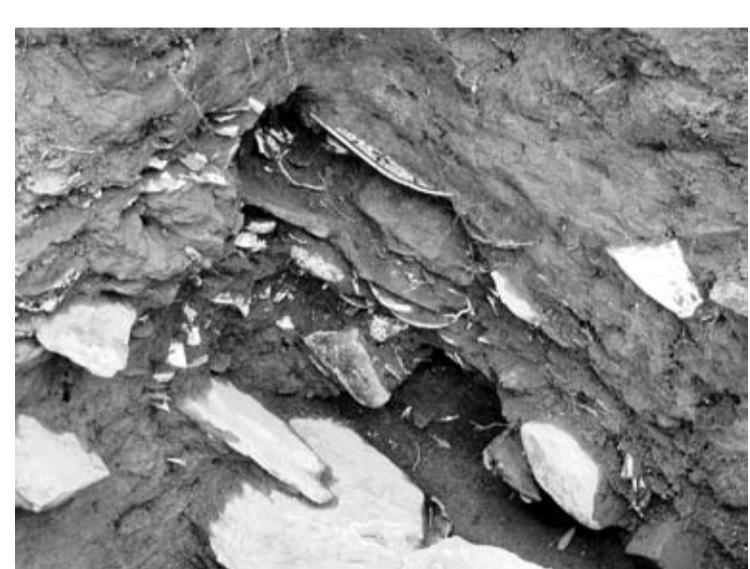
on which was the first English settlement in Connecticut centers on how you define "town." Settlers from Plymouth, Massachusetts, established a trading post in Windsor in 1633. Advocates for Wethersfield say settlers from Watertown, Massachusetts, made Wethersfield their home in 1634 and claim Windsor didn't become a town until 1635, when people there built homes.

"I don't think it ever will be settled," state archaeologist Brian Jones said.

Jones pointed out the Dutch built a fort in Hartford in 1633 that predicated the Windsor trading post, and there is some evidence there was a Dutch trading post in Hartford as early as 1623.

Archaeologists at the Wethersfield site say they have uncovered the earliest evidence of European settlement in the state. Among the buried finds: a fence believed to be from the 17th century and built for defense against Native American tribes; coins and ceramics dating to the 1630s; beads used in trade with Native Americans; clothing hooks and buttons; and remains of meals including seafood shells and animal bones.

"The 17th-century stuff was the most exciting because nobody knew it would be here," said Sarah Sportman, senior archaeologist for the



This Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018, photo shows ceramic plates believed to be from the late 18th or early 19th century sticking out of the dirt at an archaeological dig site in Wethersfield, Conn.

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nonprofit Public Archaeology Survey Team. "We have been able to document the lives of the people who live here."

The pro-Windsor camp says the find makes no difference. It points to written

records including settlers' diaries and other evidence favoring Windsor.

"It doesn't change our opinion," said Christine Ermenc, executive director of the Windsor Historical Society. "We maintain that Windsor

After musical courtship, Mumford & Sons net perfect producer

By MESFIN FEKADU

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Ever been on a blind date with a rock star? How about four of them?

That was Grammy-winning producer Paul Epworth's experience when he initially met up with Mumford & Sons to see if he and the four rockers could vibe, and possibly create not just music, but magic together. "It was all a bit like a series of blind dates to see how we hit it off. It took us a couple of sessions before we found out what the best method was. The chemistry felt really good all throughout the process," Epworth said.

"We went on a couple of dates," said band leader Marcus Mumford. "We did sessions before Christmas, which led to pretty much the final version of the song called 'Slip Away,' which is on the record. And we just felt like he was exactly the person we needed to help steer this ship for this fourth record. And we've never enjoyed recording more."

The result is the 14-track "Delta," to be released Friday.

The band started writing new music after the album "Wilder Mind" was released in 2015, even though one of the "Delta" songs is six years old. Mumford said they tried to re-work the old



In this Sept. 28, 2018 photo, members of Mumford & Sons, from left, Ben Lovett, Marcus Mumford, Winston Marshall and Ted Dwane pose for a portrait in New York to promote their fourth album "Delta."

track "about 400 times." "It's called 'Forever' — ironically," he said.

"It wasn't called 'Forever' before. After the 600th time," chimed in Winston Marshall, who plays banjo and electric guitar.

Epworth was part of the solution. The band says when they didn't know what to do, he did.

"They were open to giving me a bit of space to run with stuff (and) try out what I had in mind," Epworth said. "It definitely made me feel like I was essentially a fifth member of the band."

The London group said they were familiar with Epworth's work — the producer is best known for crafting Adele's monster hit "Rolling in the Deep" and also winning an Oscar with the British vocalist for the James Bond theme song, "Skyfall." Epworth's credits also include songs with Coldplay, Florence + the Machine, U2, and Foster the People as well as lesser known acts such as Glass Animals, Bloc Party and Plan B.

Markus Dravins produced the band's 2009 debut, "Sigh No More," and its follow-

up, 2012's "Babel," which won the album of the year Grammy. Both records reached multi-platinum status and launched hits on the pop and rock charts. "Wilder Mind," produced by James Ford, still had rock hits but only went gold. Epworth's fifth member status proved invaluable for "Delta," mainly recorded at Epworth's The Church Studios in London. "(Paul) would just come back one day and be like, 'That is not your upbeat rock song. That is your downbeat piano ballad.'

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We'd be kind of just blindsided by the moments of sheer visionary," said Marshall.

"Especially for a band of four collaborators — to have that person to help, decision-tie-breaker, those sort of moments (are important)," Marshall added. "If it were to be that we kind of fell out with our producer, it would be fine because we could leave the situation. If we fall out with each other, we've got a major problem. Luckily that's been something we've been able to avoid."

The songwriting process for each track varies — each of the band members work on songs individually and then bring them to the group.

Mumford said over the years he's learned how to be a better team player and let everyone's voice be heard.

"In the old days there was a sliver of immediacy and I think a slight immaturity, creatively. ... If someone else had a different idea, I personally had less patience for it than I do now," he said.

"Now, I trust these guys' creative instincts so much. If they've got a different idea (and) it doesn't chime with me straight away, I'm intrigued to see where it goes." □

Michael Bublé makes return to standards on 'love'

By PABLO GORONDI

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Michael Bublé, "love" (Reprise Records)

When people claim they are stepping away from it all to spend more time with their family, it's usually a front. When Michael Bublé said he'd do the same, it really was to take care of son Noah, who was diagnosed with cancer in 2016. With his boy recovering, the Canadian crooner has returned to his career, including a new album and a big U.S. tour starting in February. "love" (represented by a red heart on the album cover) sounds

like a new start for Bublé, who has won four Grammys since his 2003 major-label debut by relying on a well-chosen mix of jazz standards and pop songs. Like that album, "love" has David Foster in the producer's chair and most of the tunes are evergreens, including "When I Fall Love," "Unforgettable," "When You're Smiling" and "I Only Have Eyes for You." Bublé sounds totally at ease with the repertoire and the arrangements harken back to the '50s and '60s, with the string section especially effective.

Kris Kristofferson's "Help Me

Make It Through the Night" has a Mariachi mood and vocal accompaniment from Loren Allred, while Bublé duets with Cecile McLorin Salvant on "La Vie En Rose." The only song co-written by Bublé is "Forever Now," clearly a message of love to Noah.

A pair of tunes come from the 1937 Rodgers & Hart musical "Babes in Arms" — an ominous-sounding "My Funny Valentine" fit for a spy movie and "Where or When," the album closer where Bublé seems to achieve a degree of catharsis, really ripping loose on the last notes. □



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This cover image released by Reprise Records shows "Love" the 10th album by Michael Bublé.

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Franklin's 'Amazing Grace' film finally get in theaters

By NEKESA MUMBI MOODY

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NEW YORK (AP) — Three years ago, Alan Elliott was at the Telluride Film Festival, prepared to unveil the holy grail of musical works: A documentary on the making of Aretha Franklin's "Amazing Grace," which had been lost to the archives for decades until Elliott spent decades restoring it so it could finally be seen.

But then, through lawyers, he got word that the Queen of Soul herself was trying to prevent the film from being shown. Elliott's business partner, Tirrell Whittley, recalls the moment as "deflating."

"It was disappointing You try to figure out what is it that happened," Whittley said.

But as determined as Elliott and Whittley were to get the documentary to the world, they decided not to fight Franklin.

"It would just be the wrong and the wrong spirit," Whittley said, adding later: "In talking to Alan, it was really around patience and



In this July 27, 2010 photo, Aretha Franklin performs at The Mann Center for the Performing Arts in Philadelphia.

saying, 'You know what? God may not have meant it right now. And that's OK. Let's just be patient. When God says it's the right time it will be the right time, not just for us but for her, for her family, for her legacy.'" That time has arrived, three months after Franklin's death from pancreatic cancer, with the blessing

of her family. And while there are parts of "Amazing Grace" that are rough, from a few off-kilter camera angles to choppy editing, it's a profound, brilliant display of one of the world's greatest singers performing in her element — the church. "It's the most important document of American popular music ever filmed," said Elliott. "It's completely unique to any other experience that I've ever seen, and I've seen a lot of them." The album "Amazing Grace" is one of the seminal albums in not only Franklin's discography, but the canon of American pop music. Franklin, then 29 and at the height of her fame, recorded the album in a Los Angeles church in 1972, with a full choir and an audience that included Mick Jagger, over two nights. Legendary gospel star James Cleveland directed the choir. Franklin's famed father, the Rev. CL Franklin, spoke at the pulpit in praise of his daughter while the revered gospel star Clara Ward sat in the front row.

Warner Brothers Films contracted Oscar-winning director Sydney Pollack to helm the movie, with hopes it could be as popular as the concert film of Woodstock. But Pollack made critical errors, including not utilizing a machine to sync the audio to the visuals. With such problems, the film

was written off by the movie studio. While the album would go double platinum and become one of best-selling gospel album of all time, the film was forgotten — but not by everyone.

Jerry Wexler, the renowned Atlantic Records producer who helmed many of Franklin's greatest hits, told Elliott — his protege, a then-25-year-old music executive — about his hopes to one day get the film to screen, and it would become Elliott's "passion project" for two decades.

According to Sabrina Owens, Franklin's niece, the legend spoke about her love for the film. But by the time Elliott and Whittley were ready to release it, Franklin wasn't ready for the world to see it.

"I honestly don't know what her concerns were," said Owens. "We never really discussed her business I do know for a fact that she did love the movie."

Elliott suspects it may have been frustration at the poor handling of the project.

"I'm sure she was upset that Warner Bros. couldn't finish the movie in the way that she was expecting it to be done and that was probably something that stuck with her," he said.

Elliott spoke to Franklin about the project only once — and very briefly. Elliott went to a concert of Franklin's and afterward

waited backstage for the Queen of Soul to beckon him, and when she did, he nervously talked about the film project he had embarked on with Wexler.

"And she said, 'Yes we'll be talking.' And she walked away." He never spoke to her after that, but kept in touch with her family over the years, particularly Owens, to give her updates on the project. After the Telluride injunction, Elliott reached out again, and Owens explained her aunt was ill. That revelation reinforced Elliott's approach to be patient; he had hoped a recovered Franklin would be involved in the project at some point.

"There was no place to have her be a part of the movie while she was not doing well," he said. "We didn't know how sick she was, and we didn't know how long she had been ill." Owens invited Elliott to Franklin's funeral, and a few weeks later, Elliott screened the film for about 60 members of her family. The reaction was immediate and effusive, and soon afterward, the family agreed to the film's release.

"It was just interesting seeing her at that age and her voice was crystal clear, and she just sang her heart and soul out, and almost every song makes you cry or makes you feel some kind of way just like all the rest of her music," Owens said. "So it was wonderful. I loved the performance."

"Amazing Grace" does not yet have a distributor, but Whittley and Elliott are showing it in New York and Los Angeles to give it a push during Oscar season in hopes it could garner a nomination for best documentary, and it has received resplendent praise since its release.

"This film, it's going to take you to church," said Franklin's nephew Vaughn Franklin. "You know, I expect to see people up on their feet, tears coming down and holding hands and laughing and joking ... the whole gamut of emotions I think is going to come out there." □

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As design element, ode to passion, big books are great gifts

By LEANNE ITALIE

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NEW YORK (AP) — Whether as a design element or an ode to a passion or hobby, coffee table books have it covered, especially as holiday gifts.

Splashy, special interest books are in abundance this time of year and may seem extravagant when self-purchased. That's exactly why wrapping them up and handing them over to a loved one can strike just the right tone.

Some suggestions:

MUSIC

"Women Who Rock: Besie to Beyonce. Girl Groups to Riot Grrrl." Edited by Evelyn McDonnell. Black Dog & Leventhal. Yes, the dust jacket is bright pink, for better or worse, but the essays are all-encompassing, as the title suggests. Includes a range of writers, though accompanying portraiture may not be to taste. Each profile is written by a woman, with more than 100 in all. The subjects were chosen, as McDonnell says, both painstakingly and arbitrarily as she went about honoring "rock" as a verb, not a noun. \$35.

"Contact High: A Visual History of Hip-Hop," by Vikki Tobak. Clarkson Potter. Hip-hop photographers share their contact sheets, paired with interviews and essays. Spans nearly 40 years. Also plenty of performance and audience imagery. There's Fab 5 Freddy at a White Castle in the Bronx, 1982. Jump to 1993 for a never-before-seen photo of Tupac and Nas at a Club Amazon party in Manhattan. Time trip again to 2012 Atlanta and Gucci Mane on the set of the "Shooters" video. \$40.

"Hindsight & All the Things I Can't See in Front of Me," by Justin Timberlake. Harper Design. It's his first book, in which he writes: "You have to dare to suck." As a 2-year-old in Memphis, family lore goes, he harmonized nicely with Don Henley on the car radio. He revels in his years on "Saturday Night Live," and his bromance with Jimmy Fallon. Of early 'N Sync: "We



This cover image released by Guido Tommasi Publishing/ACC Distribution shows "Pantone Foodmood," a cookbook edited by Guido Tommasi.

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had a lot of fun, and we really cared about what we were doing. We wanted to be good at it." \$40.

HOME

"City of Angels: House and Gardens of Los Angeles," by Jennifer Ash Rudick and Firooz Zahedi. The Vendom Press. Drool worthy, eclectic, renowned. These are interiors and outdoor spaces of film producers, directors, artists, photographers and musicians. Over 25 houses, bungalows, studios and compounds. The spaces include homes designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and Rudolph Schindler, from Malibu and the Santa Monica Mountains to a Pacific Palisades villa decorated by Oliver Furth. \$75.

"From the Earth: World's Great, Rare and Almost Forgotten Vegetables," by Peter Gilmore. Hardie Grant Books. With hundreds of varieties to choose from, Australian chef Gilmore has selected 50 heirloom vegetables and plants. In the process, he delves into the history of both common varieties and rare or nearly extinct ones. Interviews with farmers. Recipes on how to cook up his discoveries. \$60.

"Tony Duquette's Dawnridge," by Hutton Wilkinson. Abrams. Wilkinson bought designer Duquette's Beverly Hills home after Duquette's death in 1999, chronicling its expansion

from a tiny box house into an expansive estate still filled with items picked by and created by Duquette and his wife, Elizabeth. It's quirky and chic and comfy all at the same time. Have a look at the Monkey Room, a glassed-in porch overlooking the garden. Duquette used it as storage and Wilkinson brought it to life. There's the signature Duquette leopard-print carpet on the staircase leading down to the summer and guest bedrooms. \$75.

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"Vivian Maier: The Color Work," by Colin Westerbeck. Harper Design. Remember the Chicago mystery nanny whose cache of some 150,000 prints, negatives, transparencies and rolls of undeveloped film were discovered at auction after her death? Her name was Vivian Maier and this book brings her meandering to life in color. One self-portrait says it all with a sliver of her face reflected in a hand mirror that rests on a bunch of yellow flowers on street brick, from 1975. \$80.

"Literary Chickens," by Beth Moon. Abbeville Press. You heard that right. The New York photographer Moon has paired 52 gorgeous black-and-white portraits of heritage-breed chickens with literary excerpts. The beady-eyed gazes of every last one of the birds are

fixed on Moon's lens. Consider the Silver Phoenix female paired with this from Virginia Woolf's "Night and Day": "I've done my best to see you as you are, without any of this damned romantic nonsense." \$35.

"Trees: Between Earth and Heaven," photographs by Art Wolfe, text by Gregory McNamee. Earth Aware Editions. Wolfe is a landscape photographer who has worked on every continent. Here, he puts us up close with a leopard lounging in a thorn tree in Botswana. He shares the colorful giant sequoias of California. Light dances through his images, as does the icy Moreno Glacier that serves as backdrop to the tops of Southern beech in Argentina. \$75.

FASHION

"Roland Mouret: Provoke - Attract - Seduce," by Roland Mouret and Alexander Fury. Rizzoli. The French designer in conversation with fashion writer and historian Fury. This ode to Mouret and his company is more valuable for its Q-and-A text than the photos of various models and collections. It's all very French: "You know, I've learnt everything about fashion in bed," Mouret says. "Every body I've touched has taught me something about dressing it."

"Rolex: The Impossible Collection," by Fabienne Rey-

baud. Assouline.

If you can afford a Rolex, you can afford to gift this stunning, limited-edition oversize book about the brand, its history and its celebrity following. By big, we mean 14-by-17 inches, in a handcrafted clamshell case with color plates hand-tipped on art quality paper. The luxury time pieces are shown off on the wrists of everybody from Picasso to Pope John Paul II. \$845.

CULTURE

"New York by New York," by Wendell Jamieson. Assouline. "Something's always happening here. If you're bored in New York, it's your own fault." So says Myrna Loy in this gift, photo-driven tome with a foreword by Jay McInerney. Big moments and little ones are celebrated. It took a two-page spread to do justice in black and white to Bianca Jagger marking her birthday in 1977 by mounting a white horse for a walk into Studio 54, launching the club into the social stratosphere. \$250.

FOOD

"Food & Drink Infographics: A Visual Guide to Culinary Pleasures," by Simone Klabin, edited by Julius Wiedermann. Taschen. Butchery in France, the principles of molecular gastronomy, the health benefits of sweet cherries and everything you need to know about chewing gum, all represented in fun visuals that often double as art in and of themselves. Some are historical, others comical. Many may also be useful in the kitchen or at the bar. \$70.

"Pantone Foodmood," edited by Guido Tommasi. Guido Tommasi Publishing/ACC Distribution. Drawing inspiration from the color experts at Pantone, these dishes urge home cooks to create with their eyes. Recipes are organized by color and each color is characterized by mood. Yellow includes mango pudding with panna cotta. Purple is beet and pumpkin ravioli. Savory asparagus tarts represent for green. \$50. □

Limiting screen time for your kid? It's harder than it looks

By MARTHA IRVINE

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CHICAGO (AP) — For many parents, limiting screen time for their children seems like an exercise in futility. They are busy, overwhelmed and tired of the fight against increasingly omnipresent screens. Barb and Allen Hailey know the drill well, including the tussles to get their 10-year-old son, Henry, to stop playing the popular online game "Fortnite" — often his early Saturday morning routine. "The whole process to get him off (screens) is very trying and confrontational, and then once he's off, there's a lot of complaining and grumpiness for a while as we try to coax him to do something else," his mom says. "He's upset. Mom is a crank. What is it all for?"

The goal, experts say, should be to help kids learn to manage their own time as they get older and to stay physically active and socially connected as much offline as on. But parents in many American households are finding the power struggles — tantrums, withdrawal and, in some cases, even school and discipline problems — difficult, especially as more kids get access to screens at younger and younger ages.

A survey of 13- to 17-year-olds released this fall by the nonprofit Common Sense Media found that 95 percent of U.S. teens have their own mobile device. Seventy percent of them check



In this Sept. 25, 2018, photo from left, Barb Hailey eats dinner with her husband Allen and sons Everett, 15, and Henry, 10, in Chicago.

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social media several times a day, up from 34 percent in 2012. More than half say that their devices distract them from homework or the people they're with. Some tech companies now at least acknowledge concerns about over-use and outright abuse of digital media. Apple instituted a "Screen Time" function in its latest iPhone software. It monitors app use and allows users — or their parents — to establish limits. Google For Families and

Google Play, found on Android phones, and various independent apps also allow parents to monitor and set some restrictions.

Experts say time limits can help but are sometimes a moot point given how deeply technology is "embedded in our daily life," says Sarah Domoff, a psychologist at Central Michigan University.

Instead she asks parents: How are your children doing in school? Are they active and physically healthy? Are they connecting with others in positive ways?

She does have a few basic rules, including limiting screen time for younger kids to the educational stuff. She also suggests making bedrooms "screen-free zones" even for teens. (Other experts, at the very least, advise keeping devices out of rooms overnight to avoid late-night shenanigans or other sleep interruptions.)

The Haileys sheepishly note that Everett routinely multitasks in his room with one eye on a Chromebook laptop and often the other on his phone. "I think we're kind of wimpy," Barb Hailey

says. Henry doesn't have a phone — yet.

But phones and other screens are not allowed during meals — a limit both boys seem to appreciate. Managing all this is no easy task, even for experts such as Sierra Filucci, executive editor of parenting content at Common Sense Media, an organization that helps families navigate the digital world.

Her own 12-year-old son, like Henry, is a fan of "Fort-

nite." She's witnessed the "bad attitude" when he's asked to get off the game and take out the garbage or find something to do that doesn't involve a screen. But she also sees the positives — connections he's made with new friends at school, for instance. For her, the question is: "How do we help him self-regulate?"

A few parents simply put off getting their kid a phone. Some are trying "Wait Until 8th," a pledge kids sign to put off getting a phone until eighth grade. There's also the National Day of Unplugging each spring that can help parents and kids create a culture in which setting limits is more accepted.

It's not an easy balance for most families to strike, even for parents. And the Hailey boys are quick to call out their parents on this point.

"You can go down the rabbit hole so easily," Barb Hailey says. "Then you get it thrown back in your face."

All the Haileys are trying. "We may not like it," Everett says, as his little brother nods. "But we know it's for the best."

The boys do regularly hang out with friends in person, and both play soccer. Everett plays the saxophone. Henry plays trumpet and recently took up the drums. Mom laughs: "So when we say, 'Get off the screen' and he goes and plays the snare drum, we have to live with that decision." □



In this Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018, photo, Henry Hailey, 10, plays the online game Fortnite in the early morning hours in the basement of his Chicago home.

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In this photo provided by Nintendo of America, third-grade students at the Lake Hiawatha Elementary School in Lake Hiawatha, New Jersey, participate in an interactive learning session with the Nintendo Labo: Variety Kit for the Nintendo Switch system.

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